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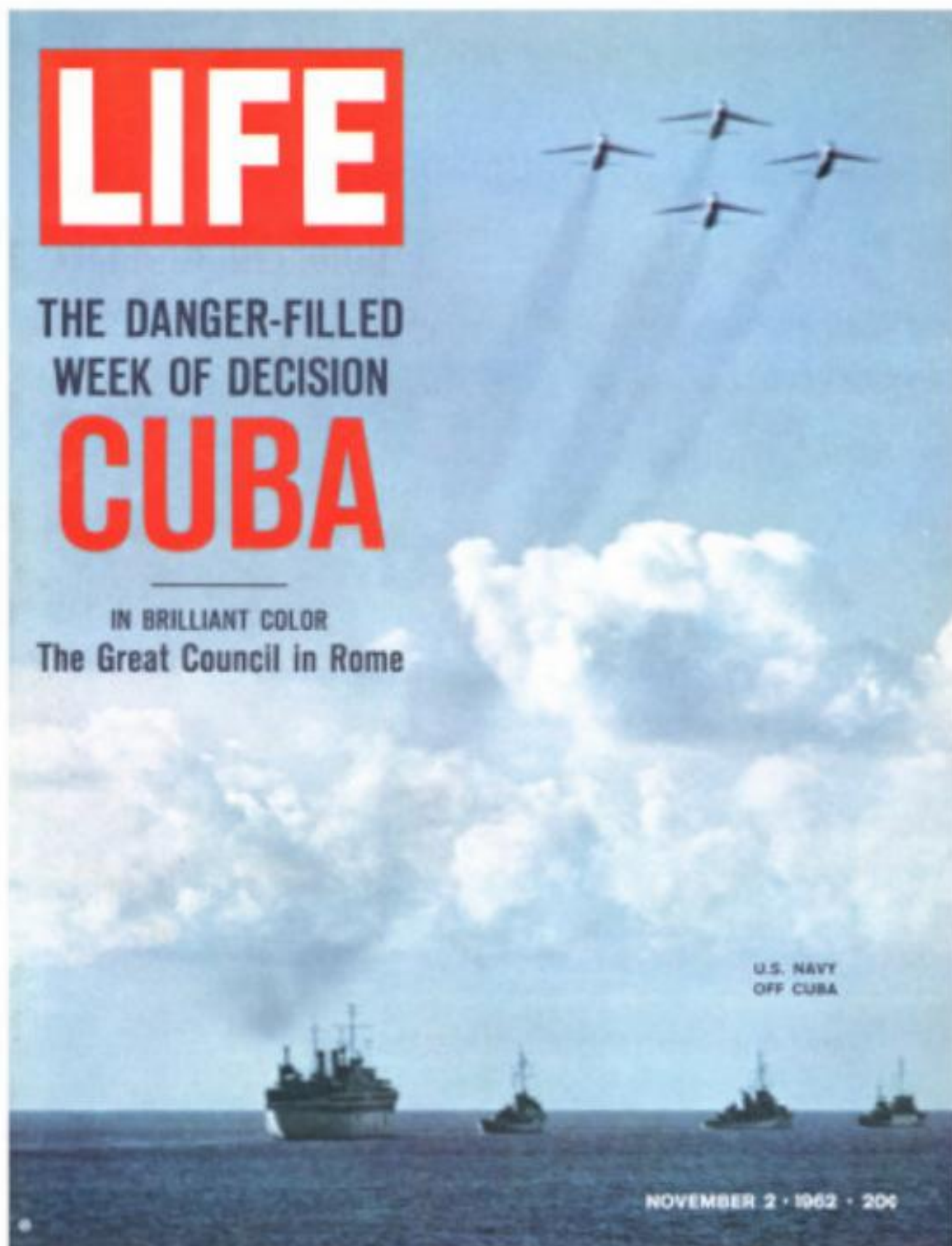


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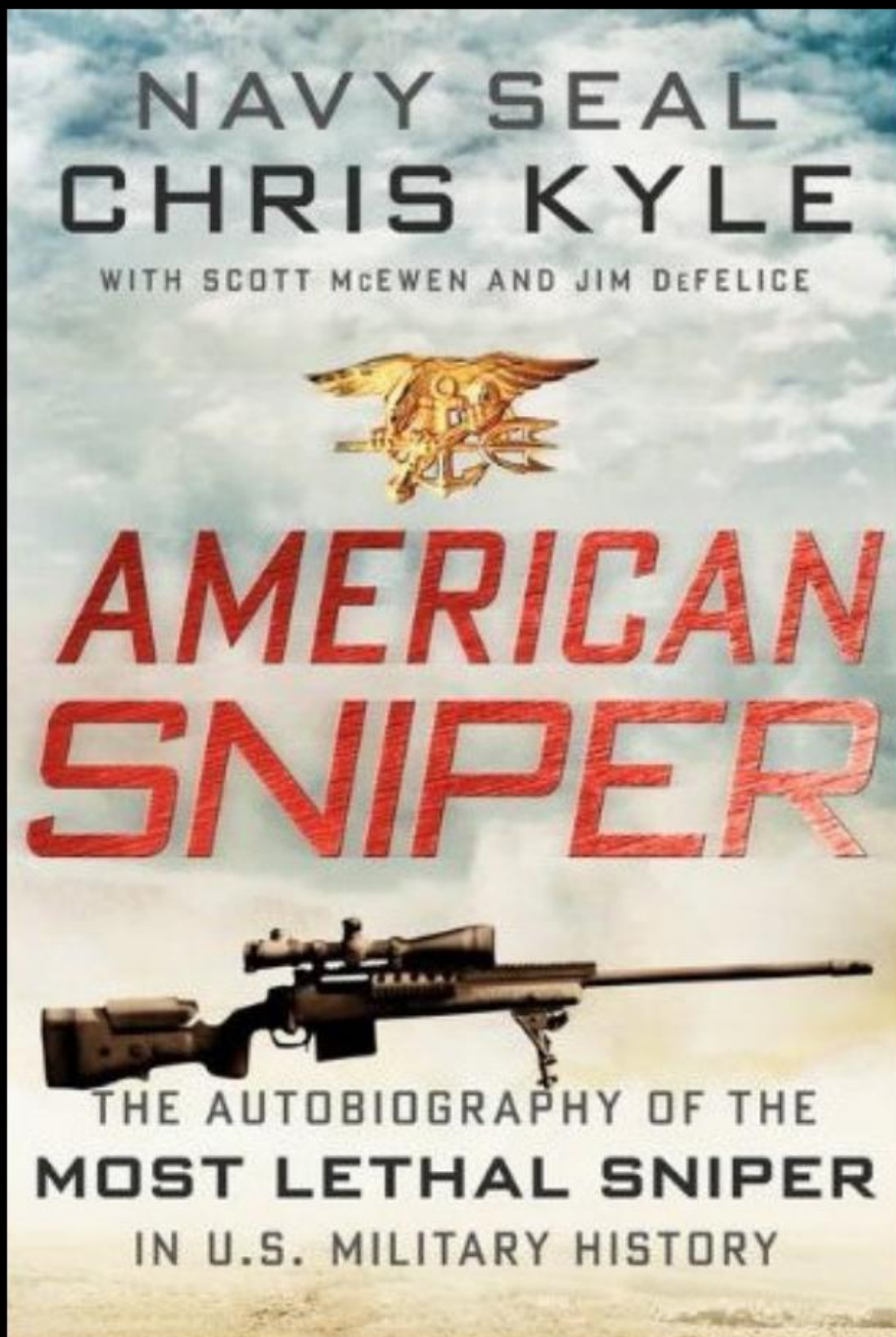
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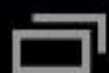


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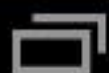
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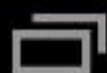


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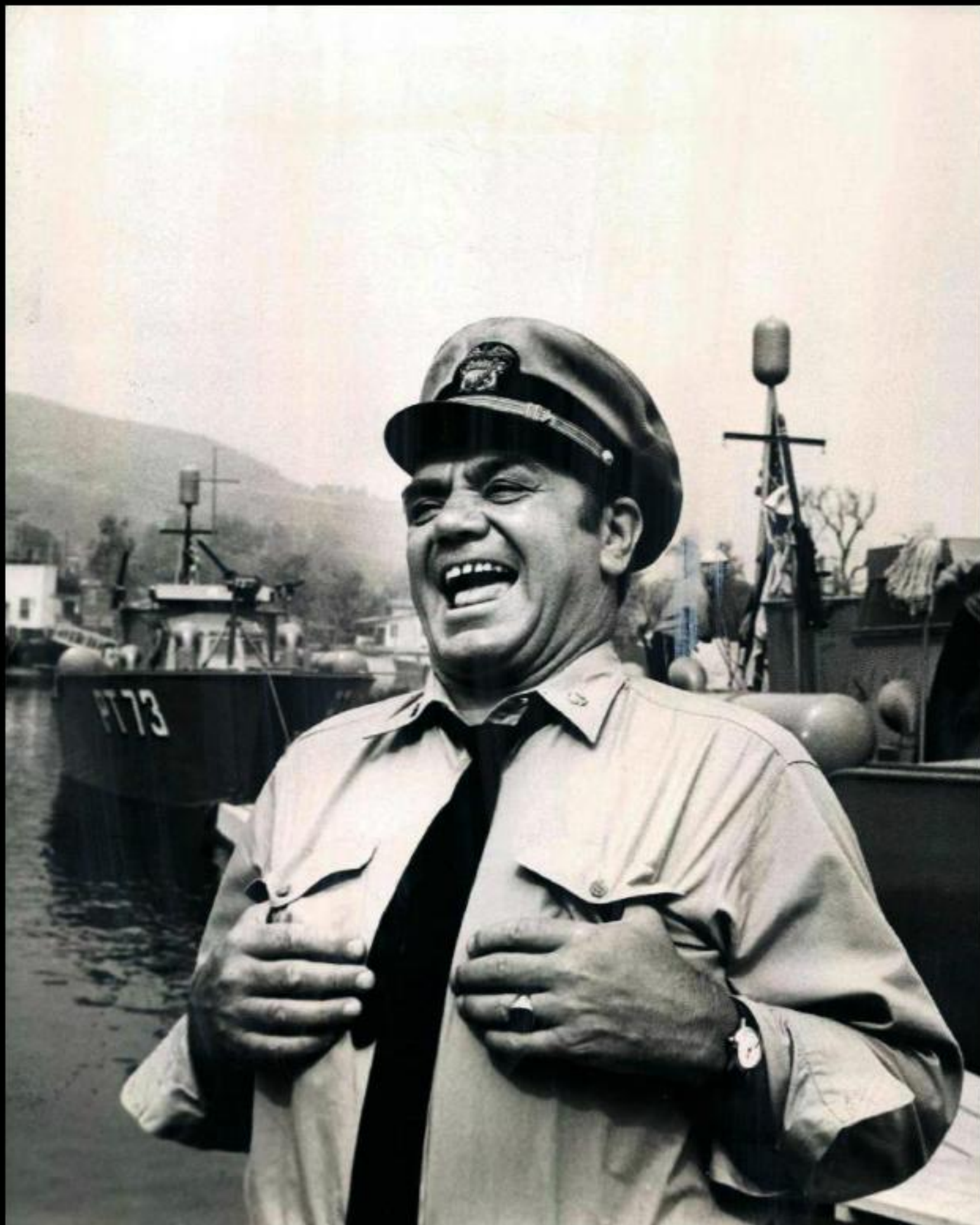




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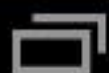


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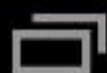


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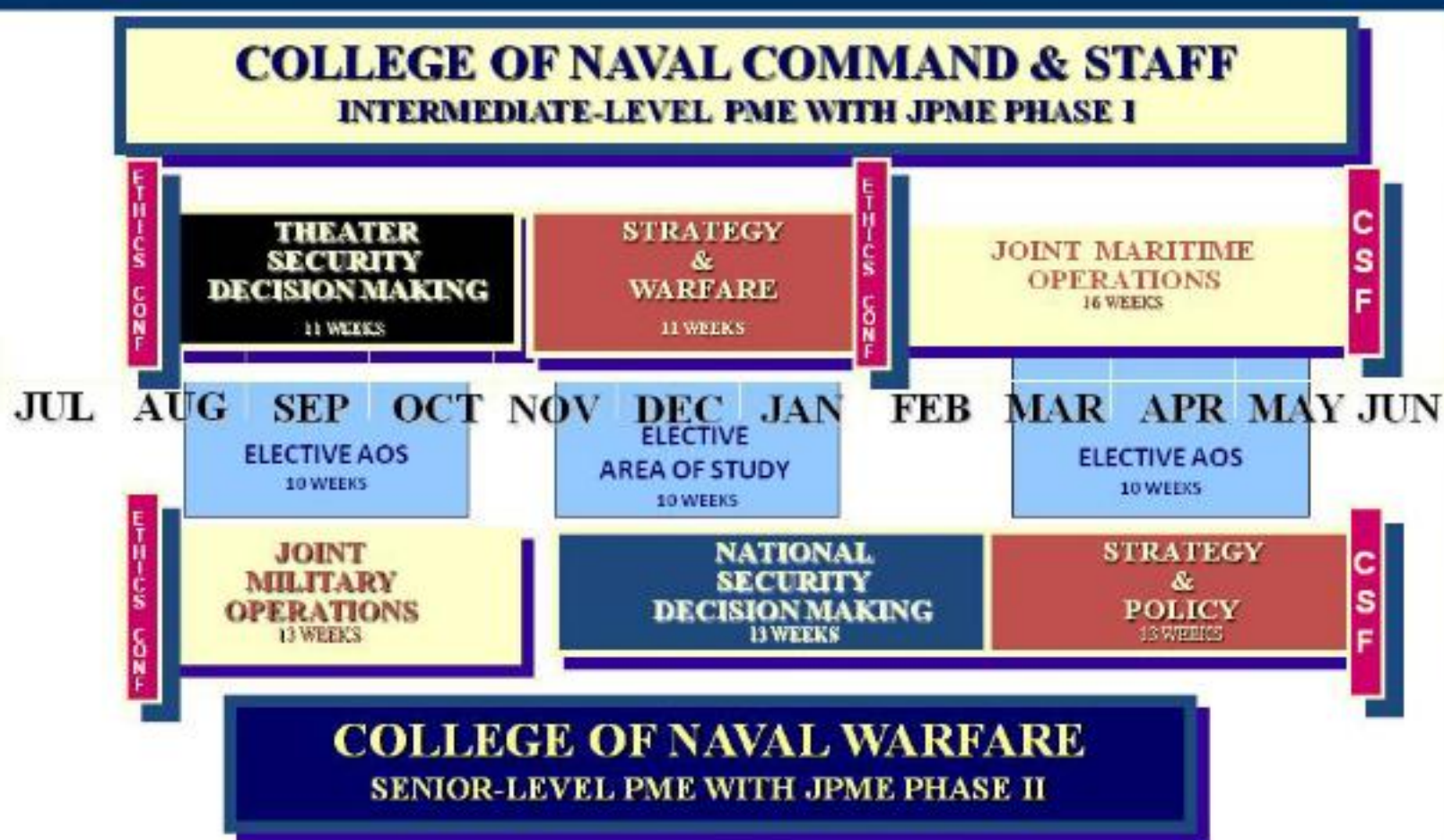


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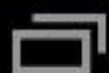


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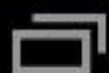


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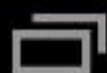


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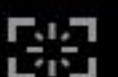


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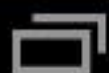


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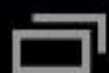


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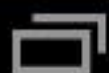


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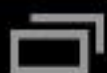


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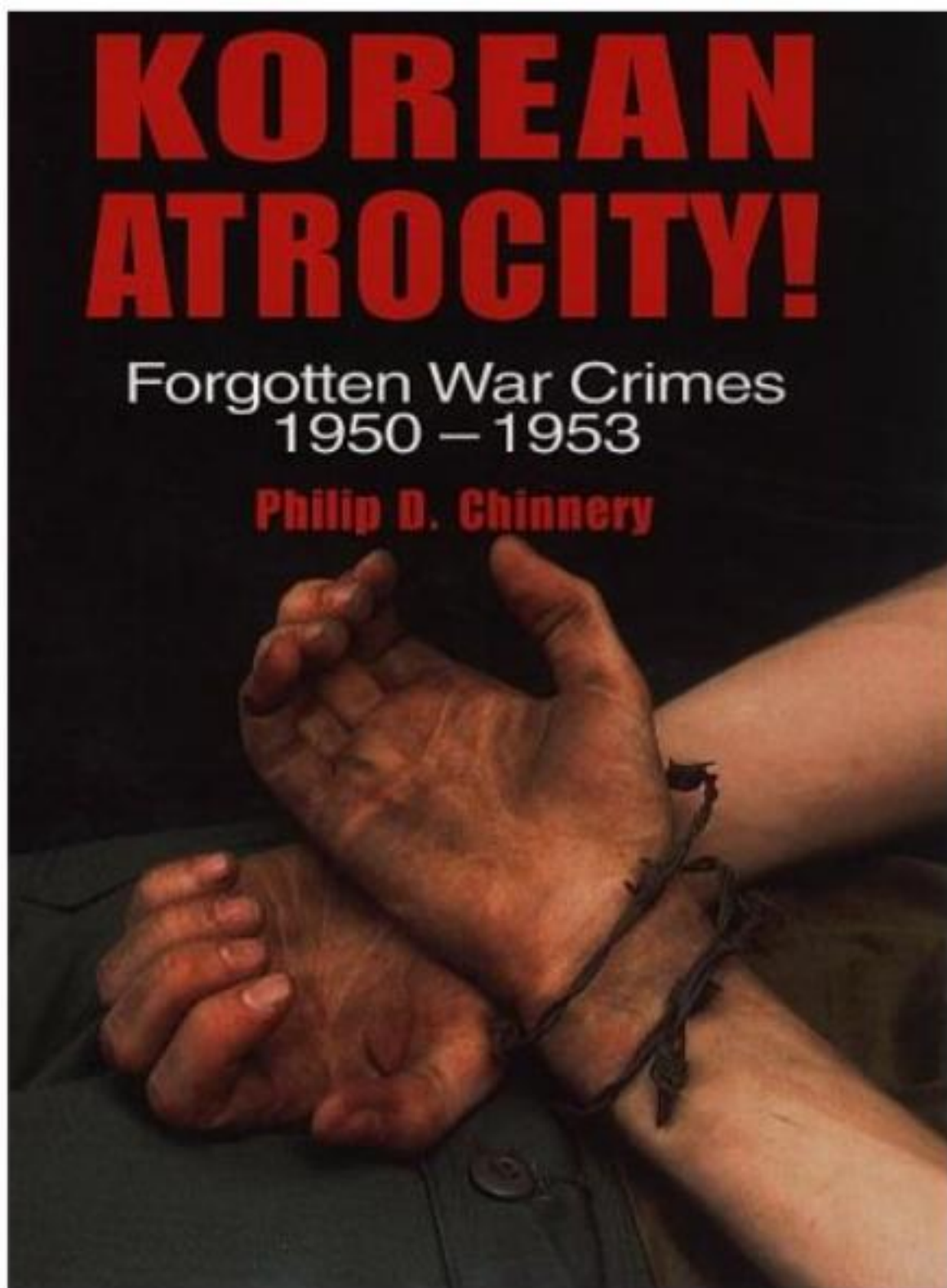


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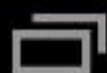


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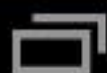


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Recent actions

Dec. 12, 2012 North Korea launches rocket; says it put a satellite in orbit

Feb. 12, 2013 North conducts underground nuclear test

March 11 U.S., South Korea begin yearly military drills

March 19 U.S. flies B-52 bombers over South Korea

March 27 Pyongyang closes military hotline with Seoul

March 28 U.S. flies B-2 stealth bombers over South

March 30 North states it is in "state of war" with South

April 2 North says it will restart its Yongbyon nuclear reactor

April 3 North bars workers from South from Kaesong plant

About Kaesong

- Kaesong Industrial Complex was begun in 2003 to foster North-South cooperation
- Includes more than 120 factories that employ more than 50,000 North Koreans and several hundred South Korean managers
- Financed largely by the South; South Korean firms pay more than \$80 million yearly in wages to North Koreans
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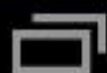
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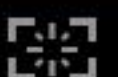


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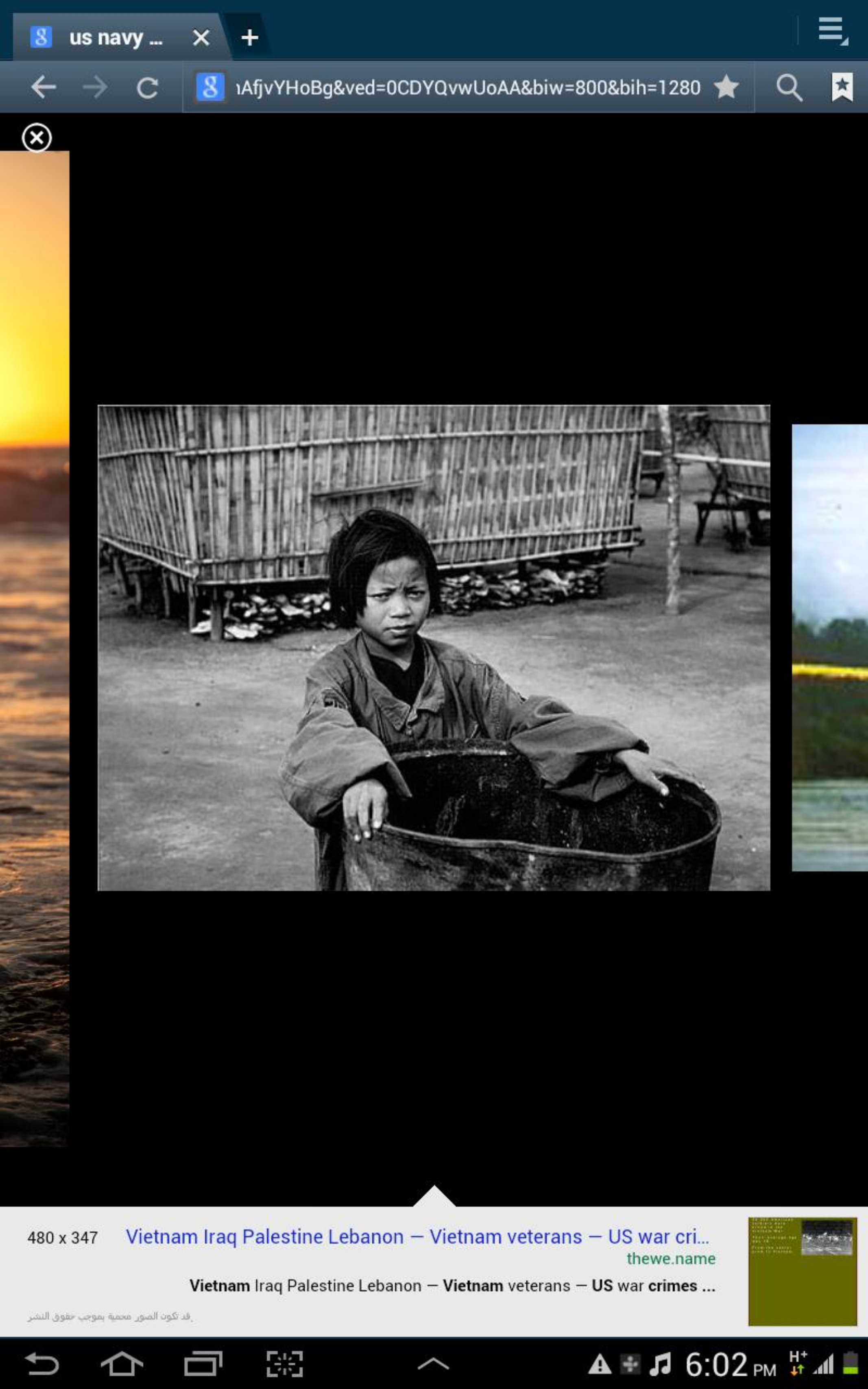


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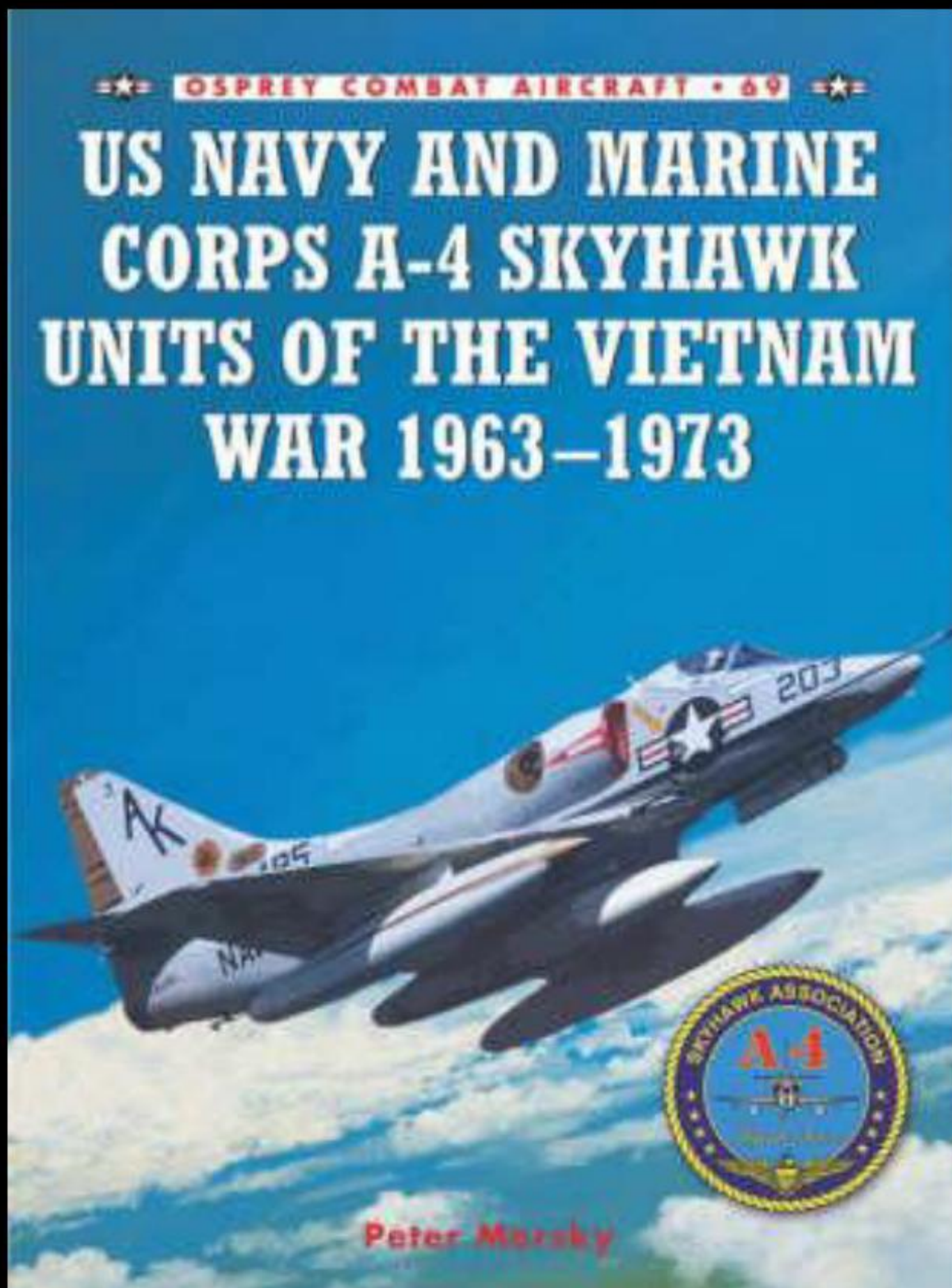
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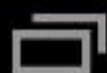


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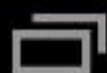


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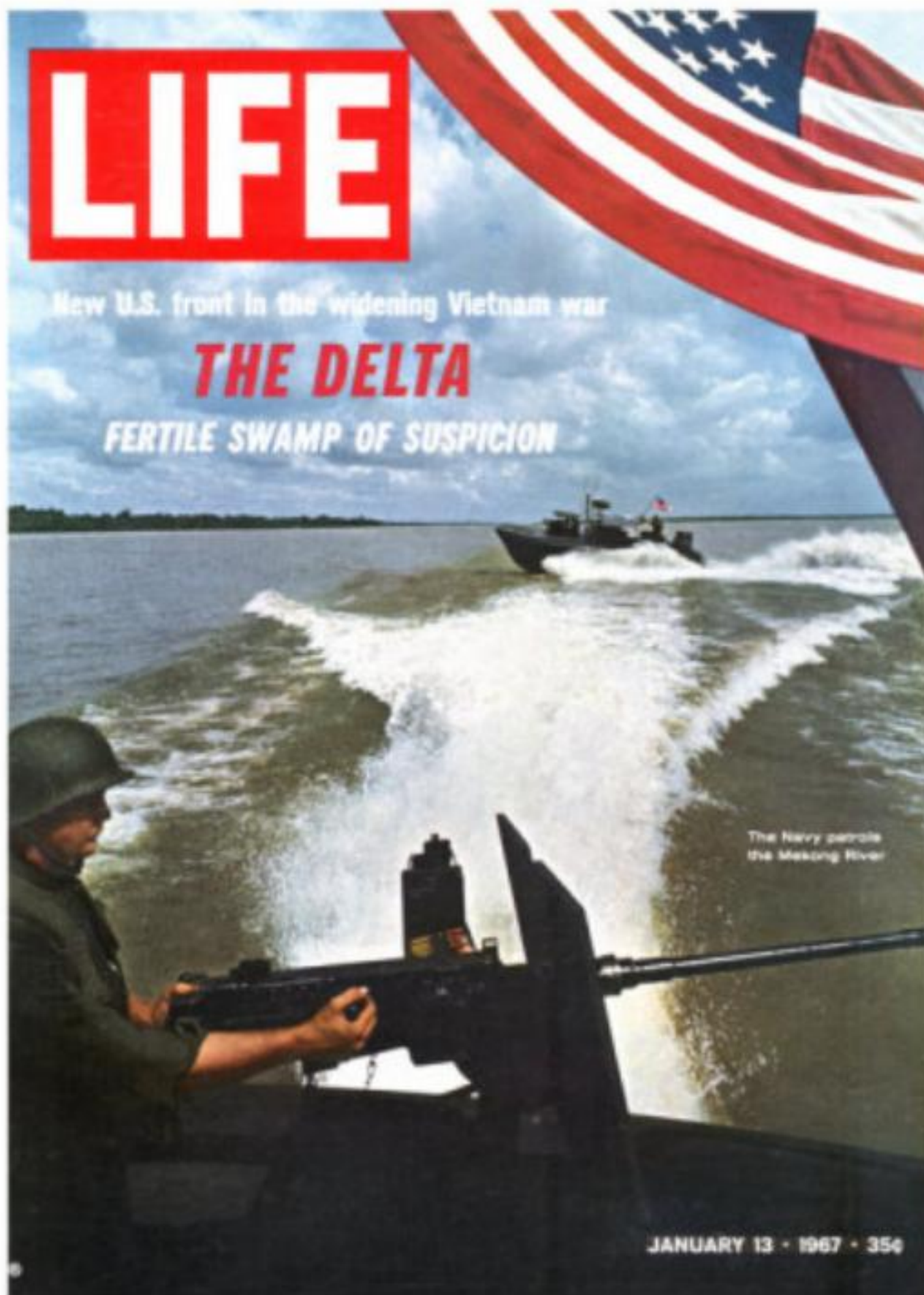


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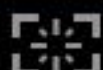
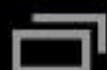
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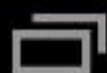


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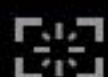


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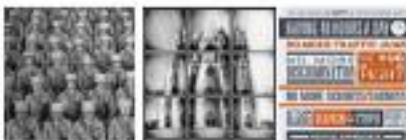
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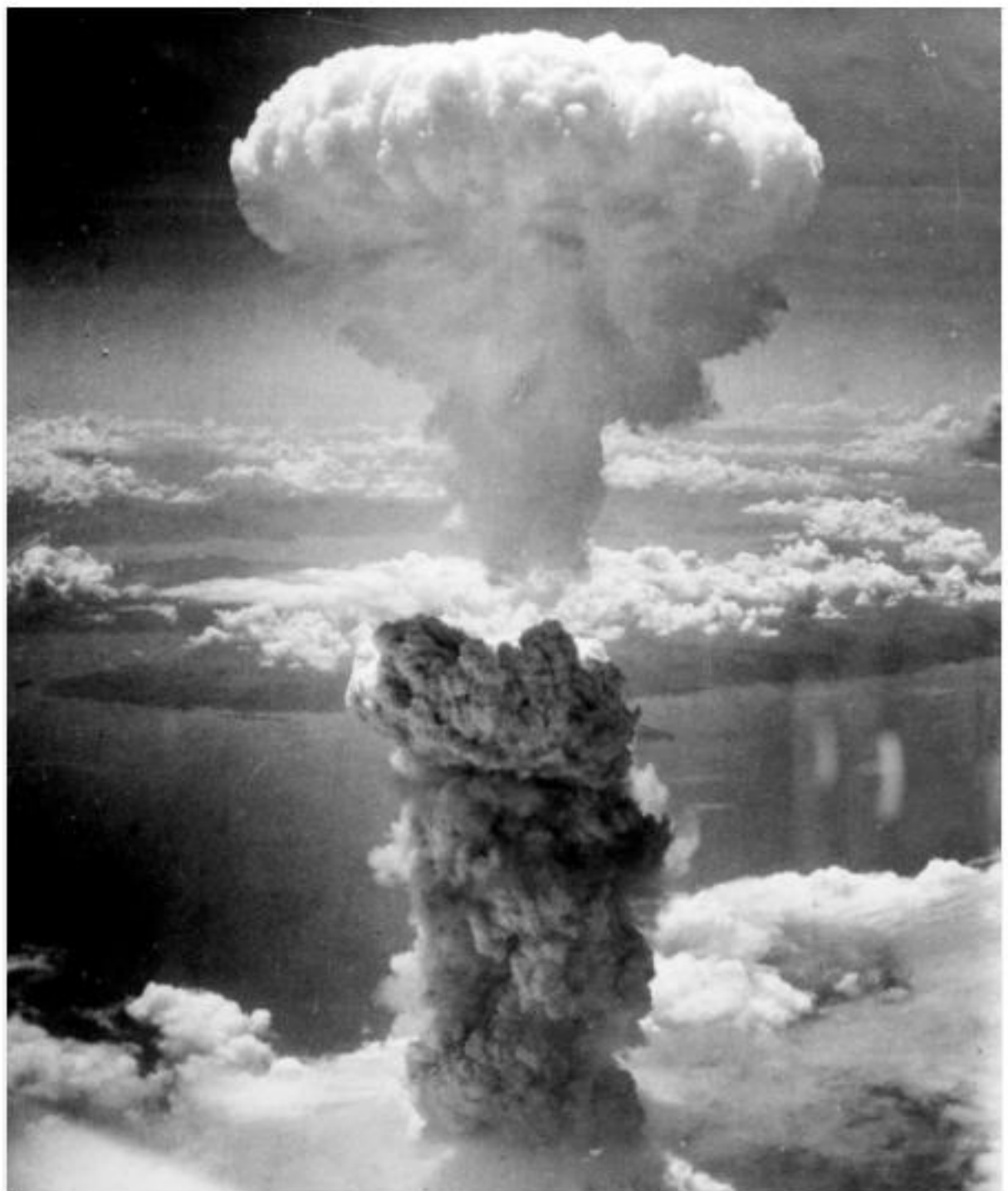
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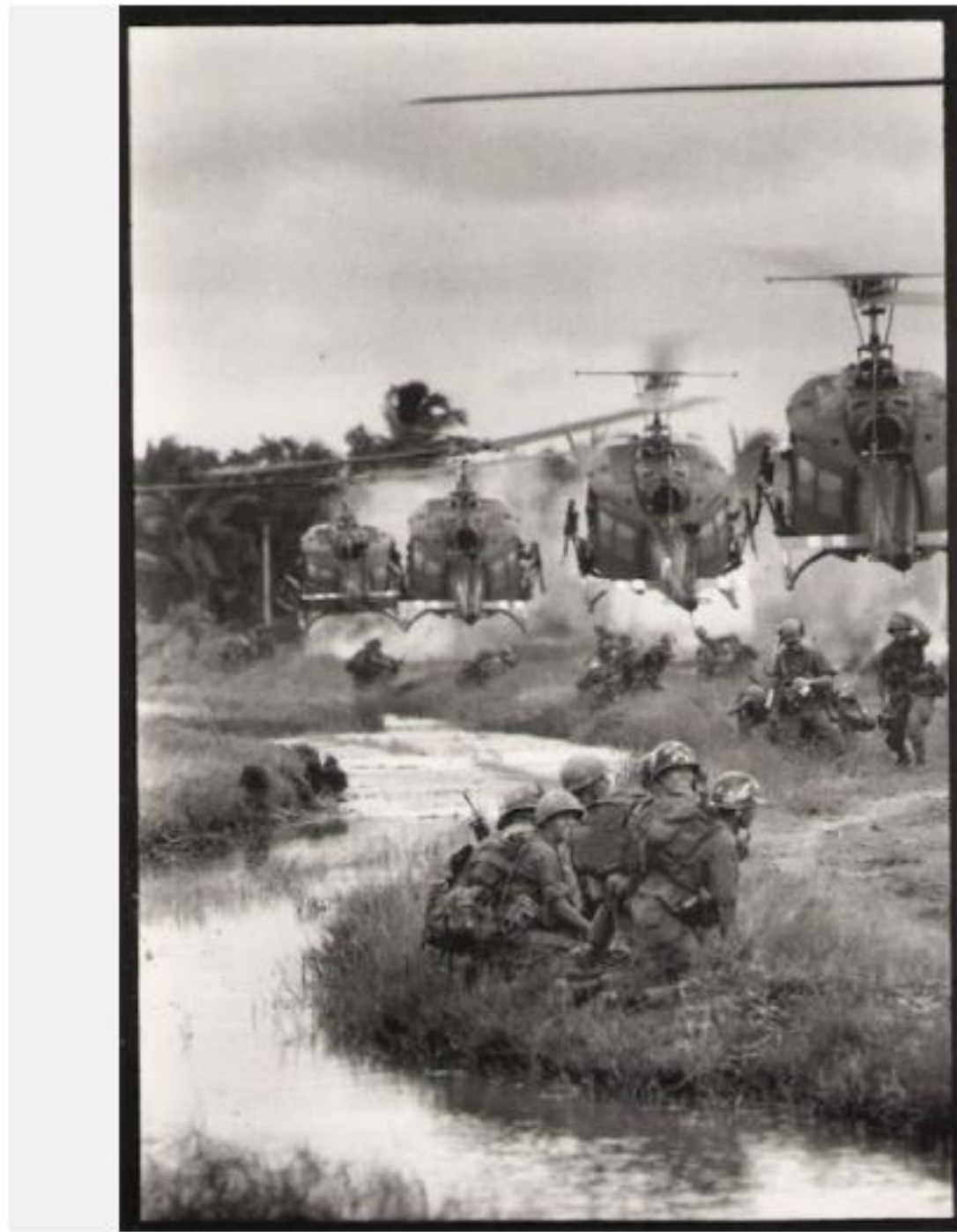
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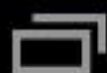
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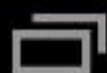


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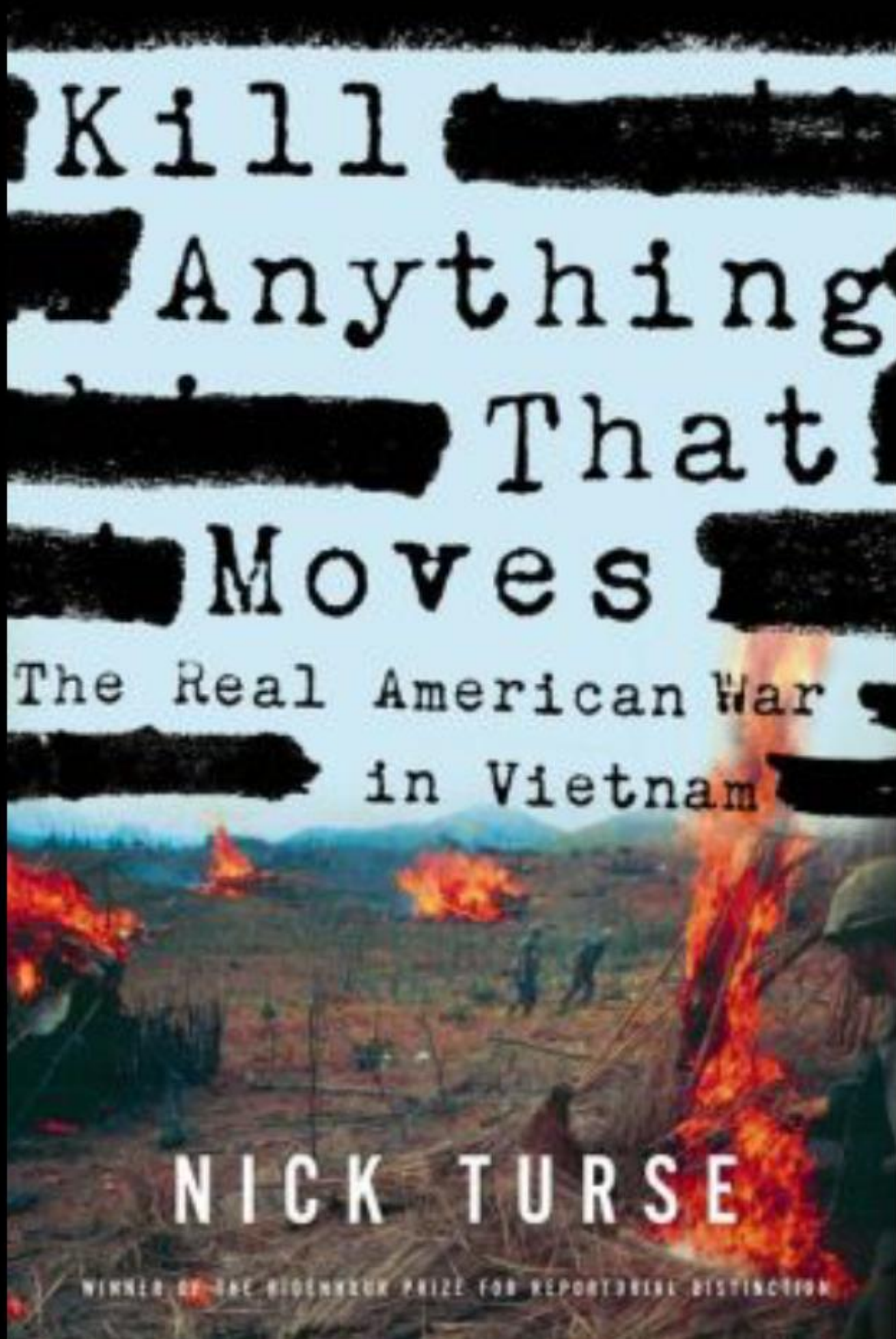


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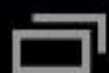


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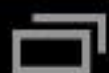
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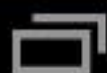
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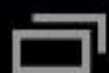


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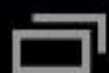


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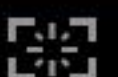


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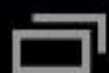


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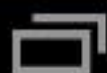


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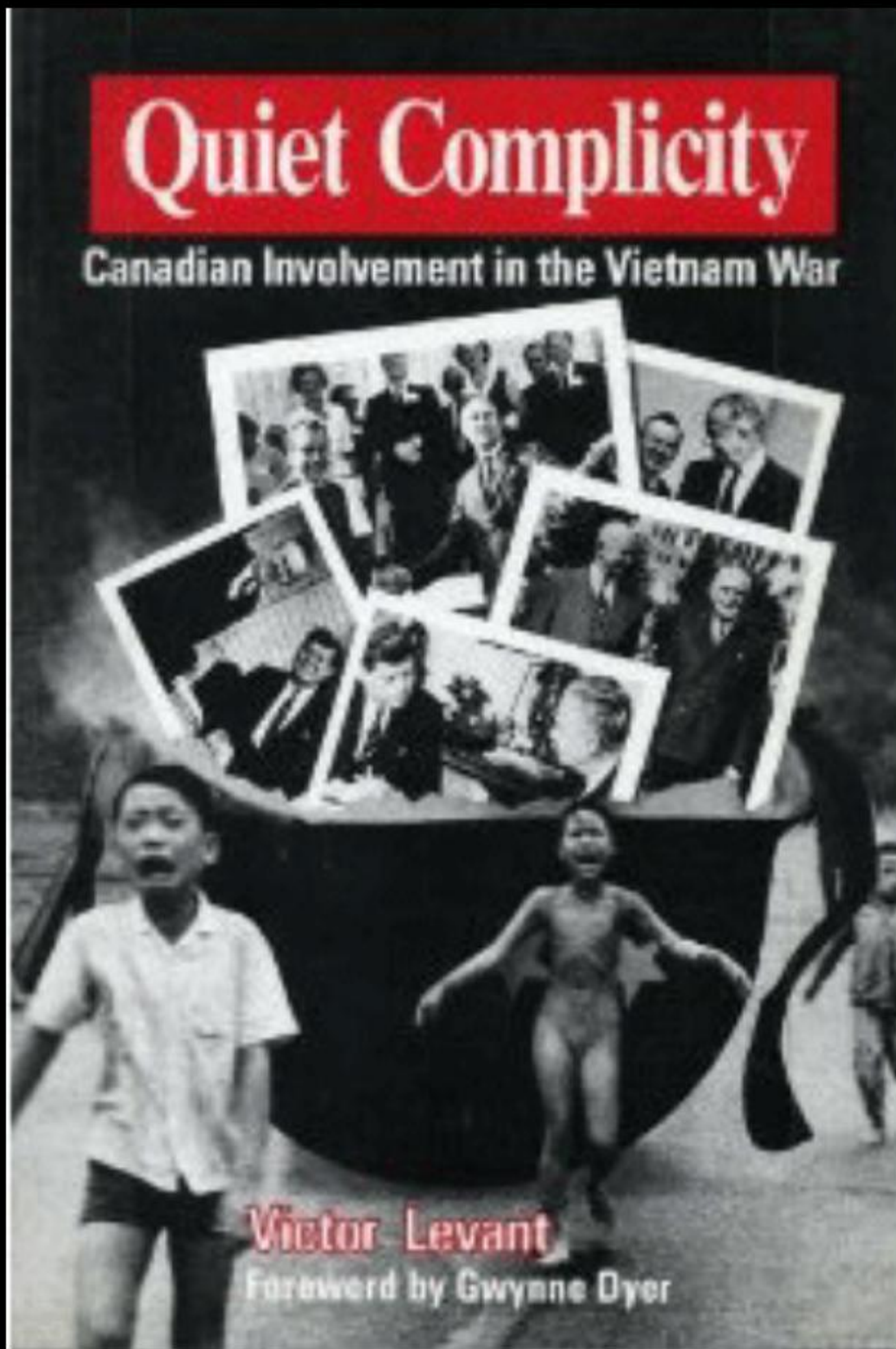
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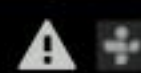
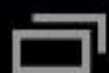


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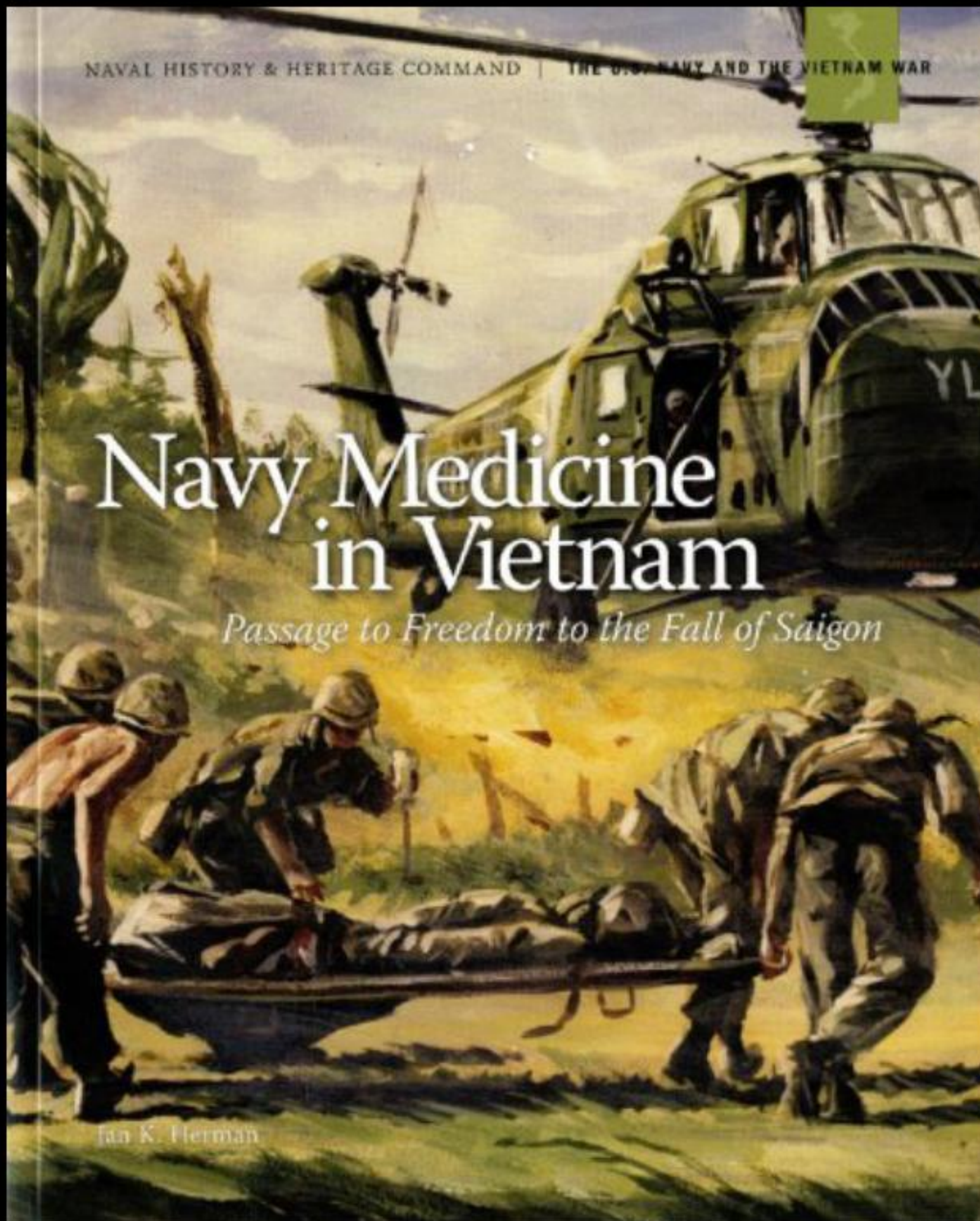


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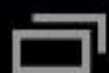


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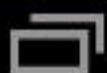
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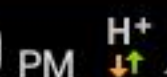
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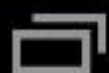
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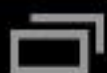


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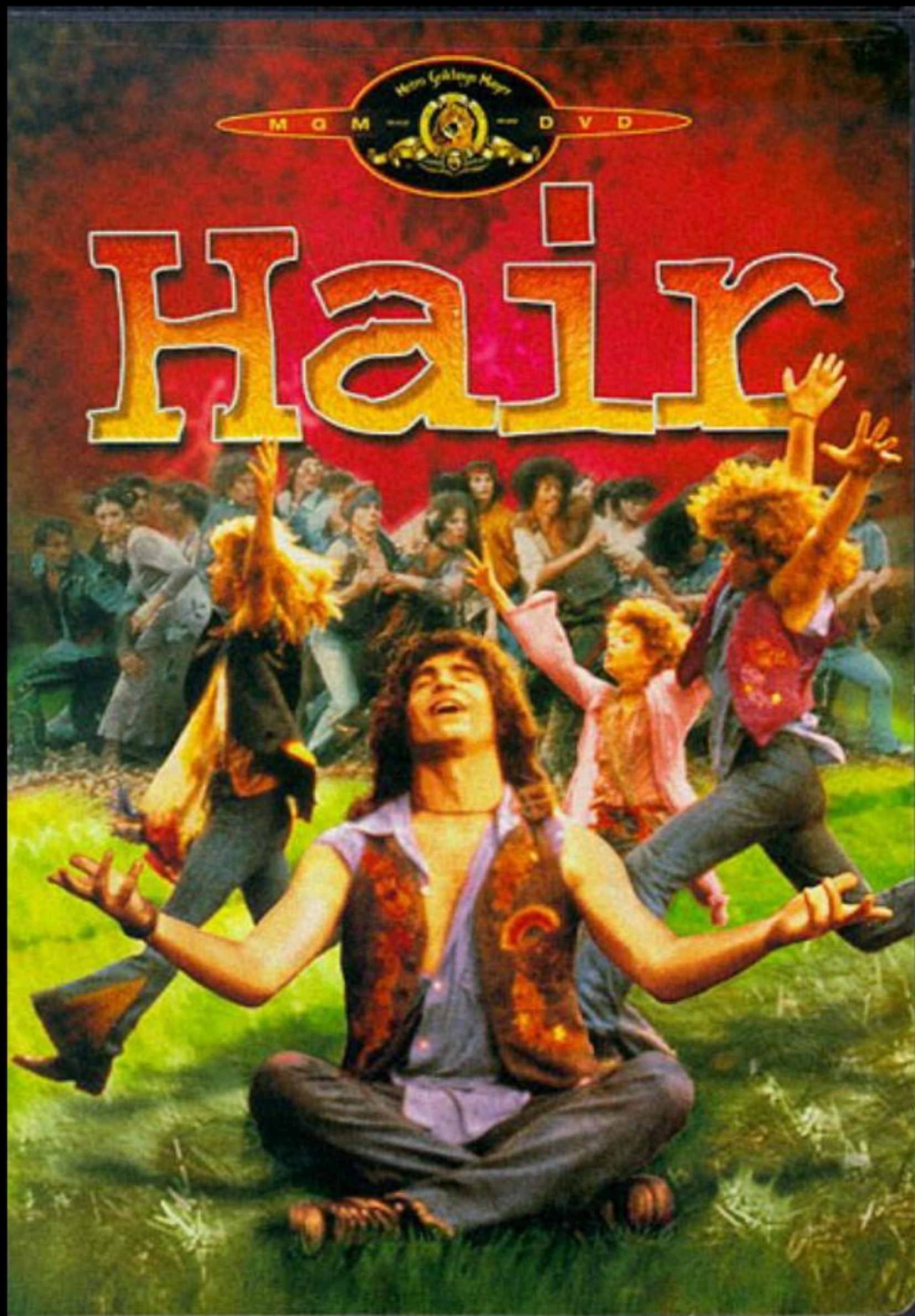


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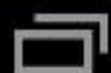


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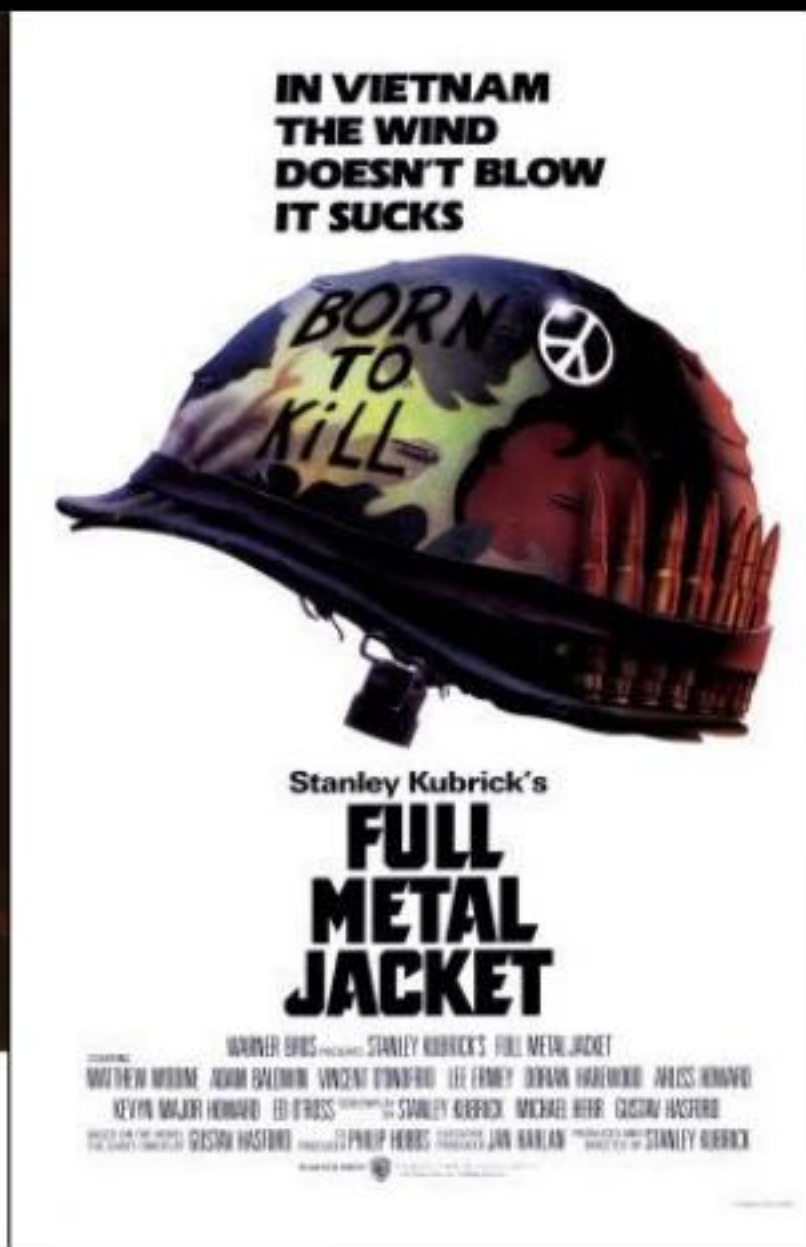


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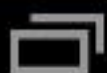


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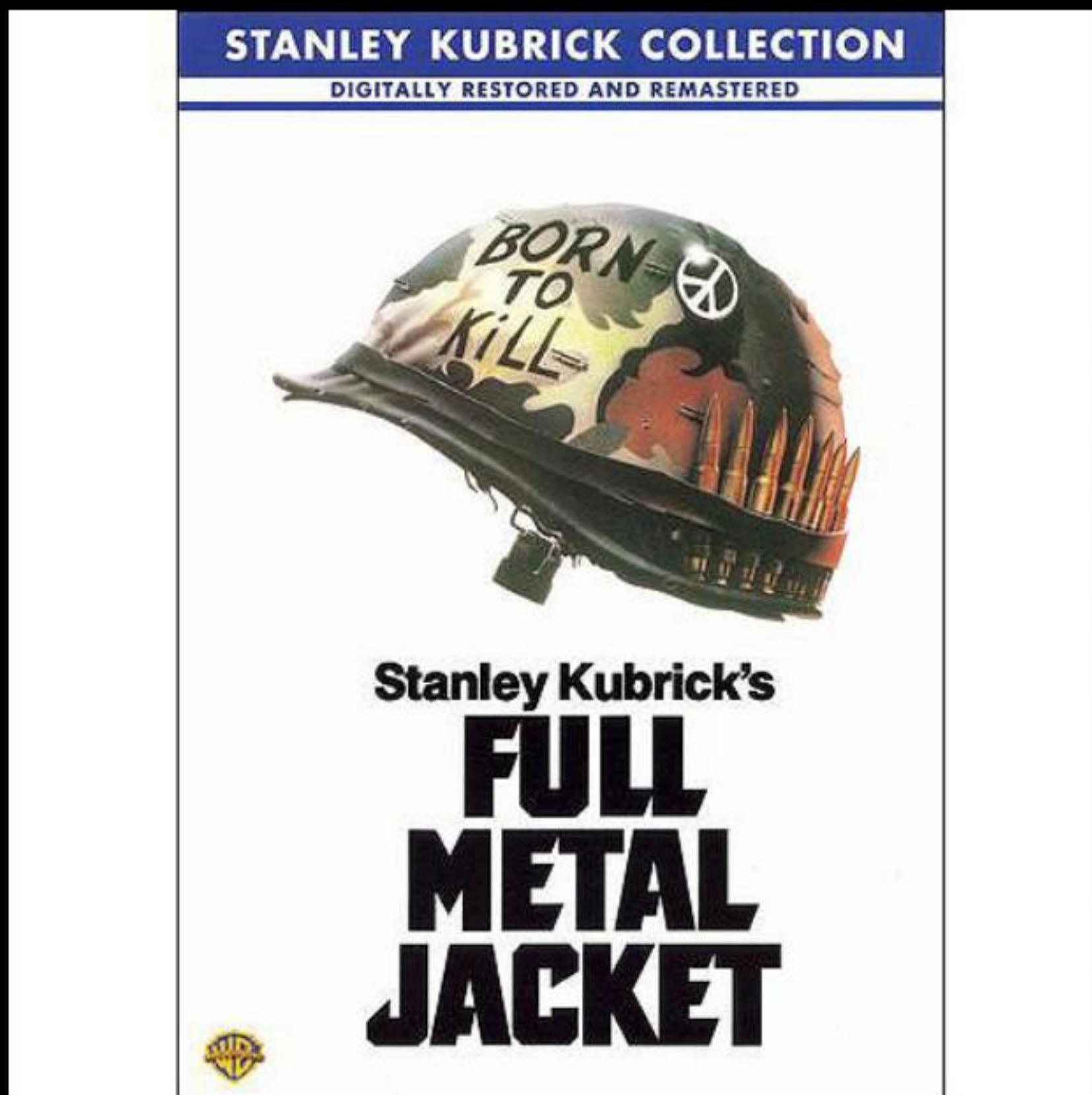


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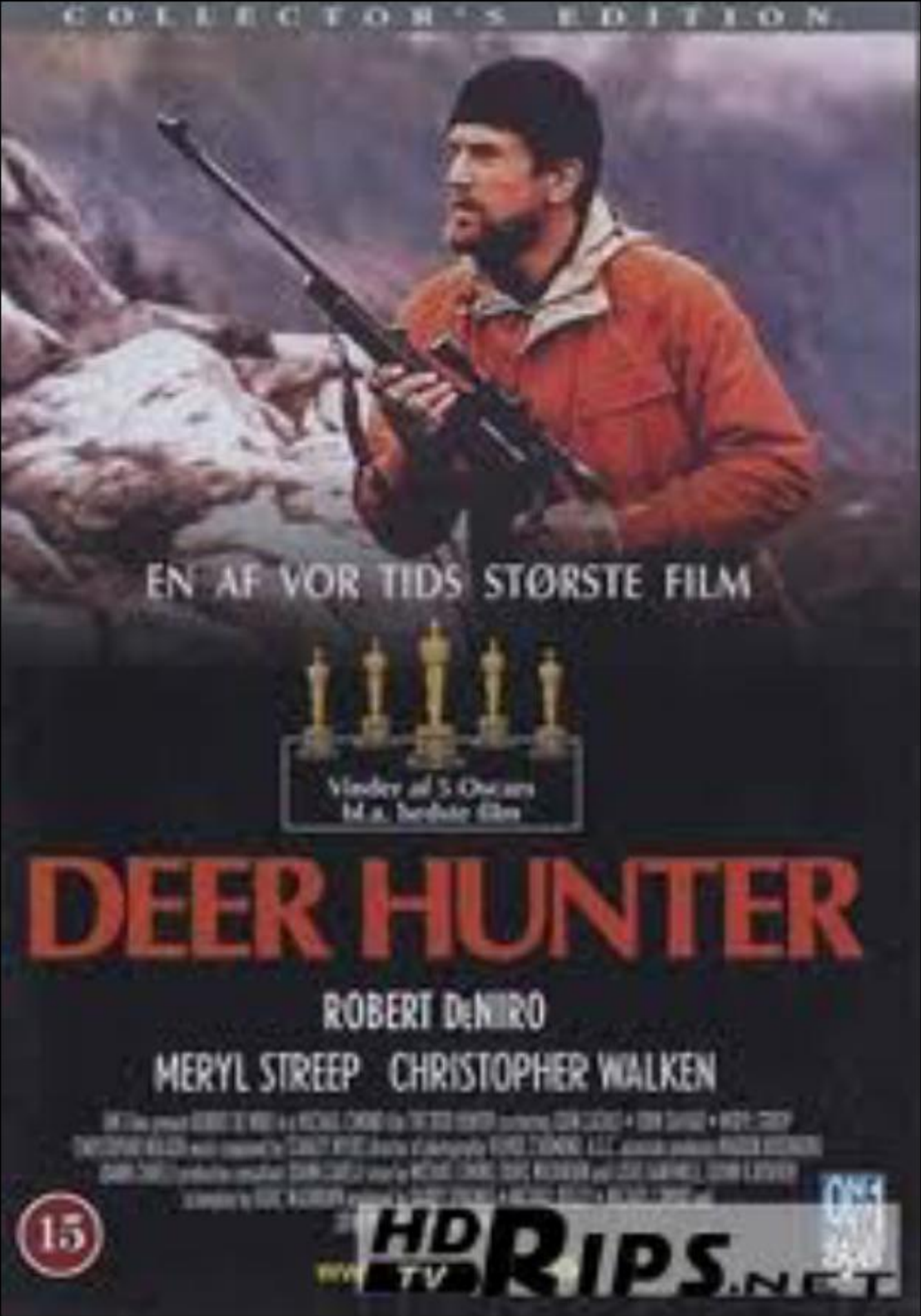
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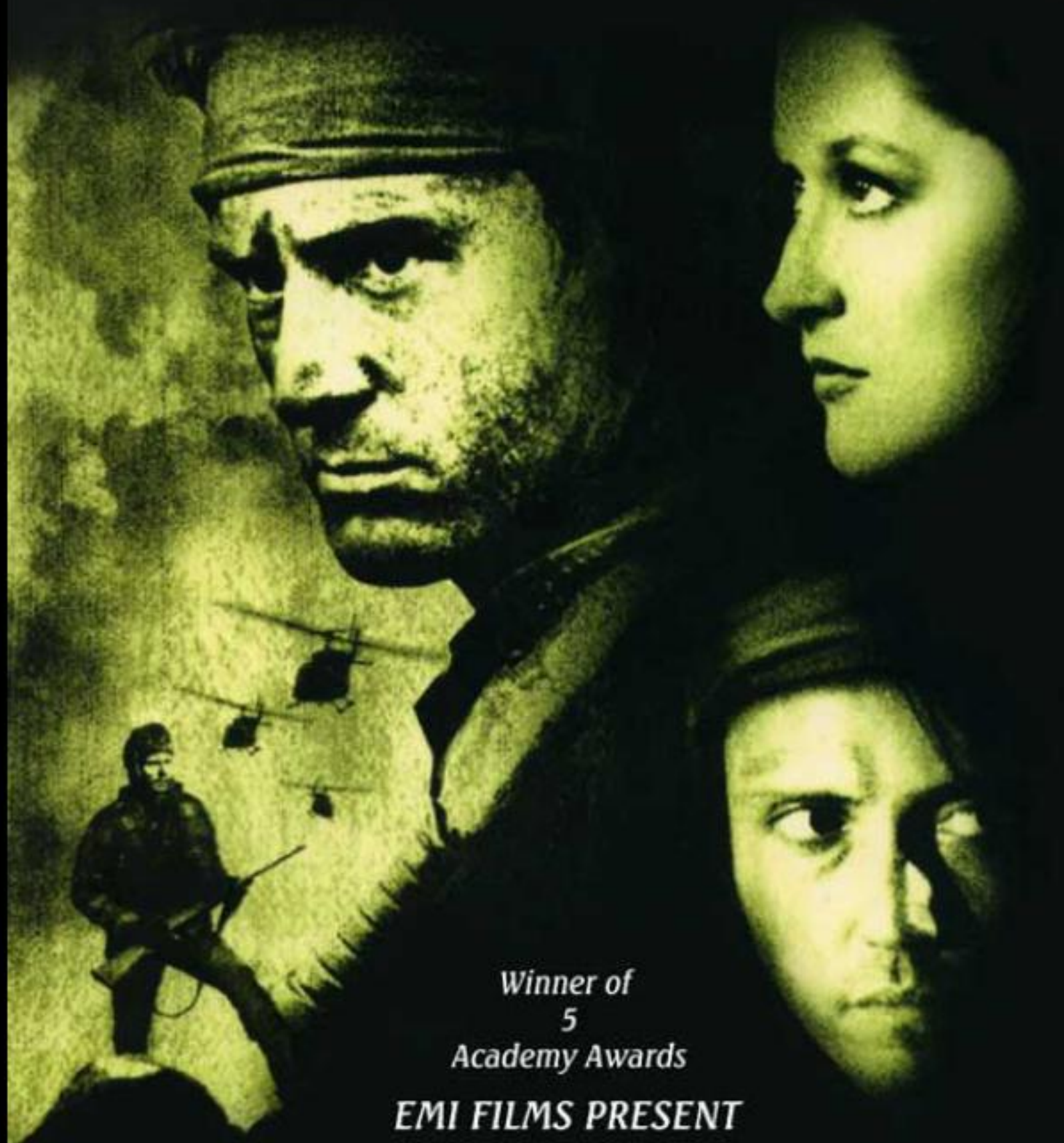




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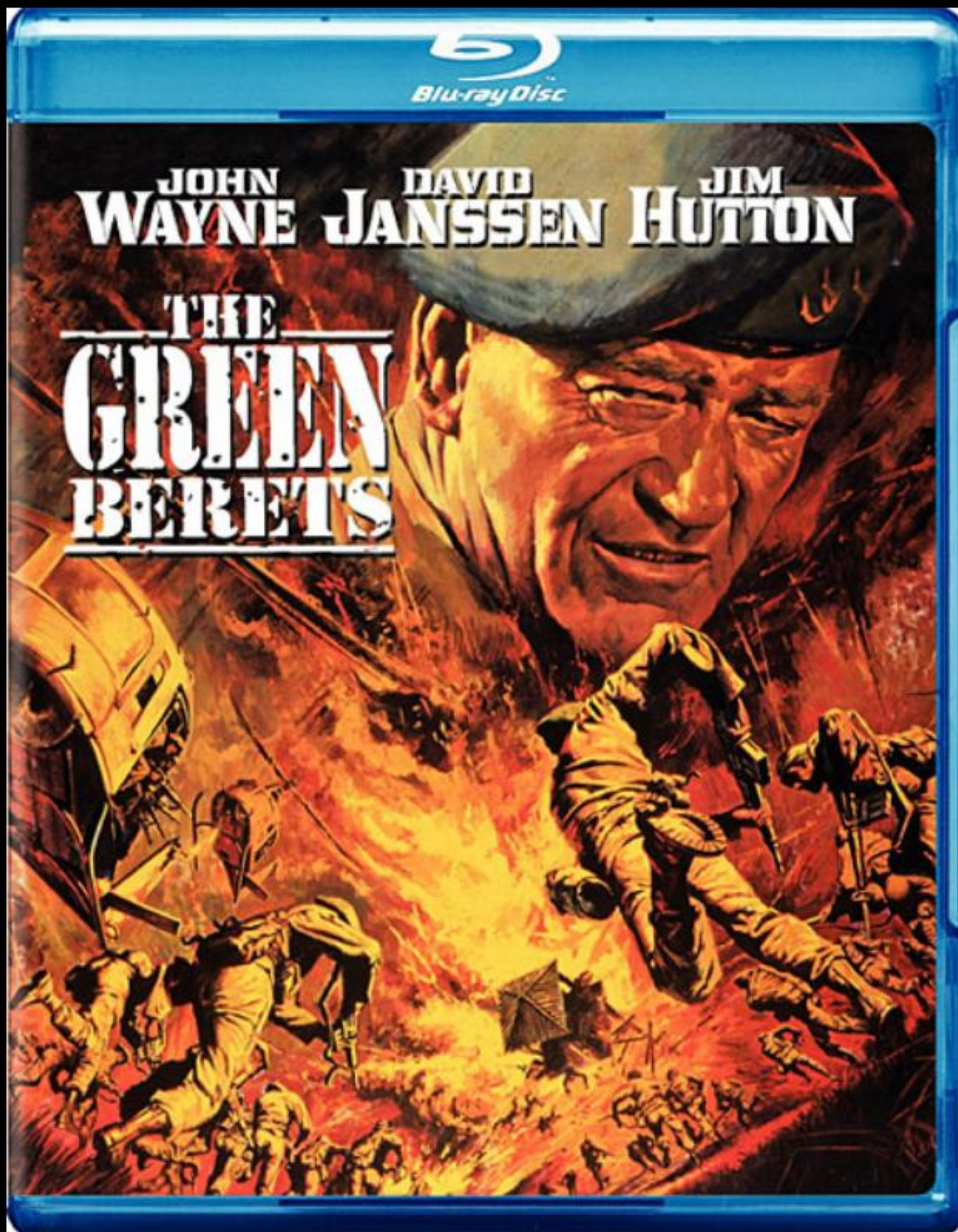
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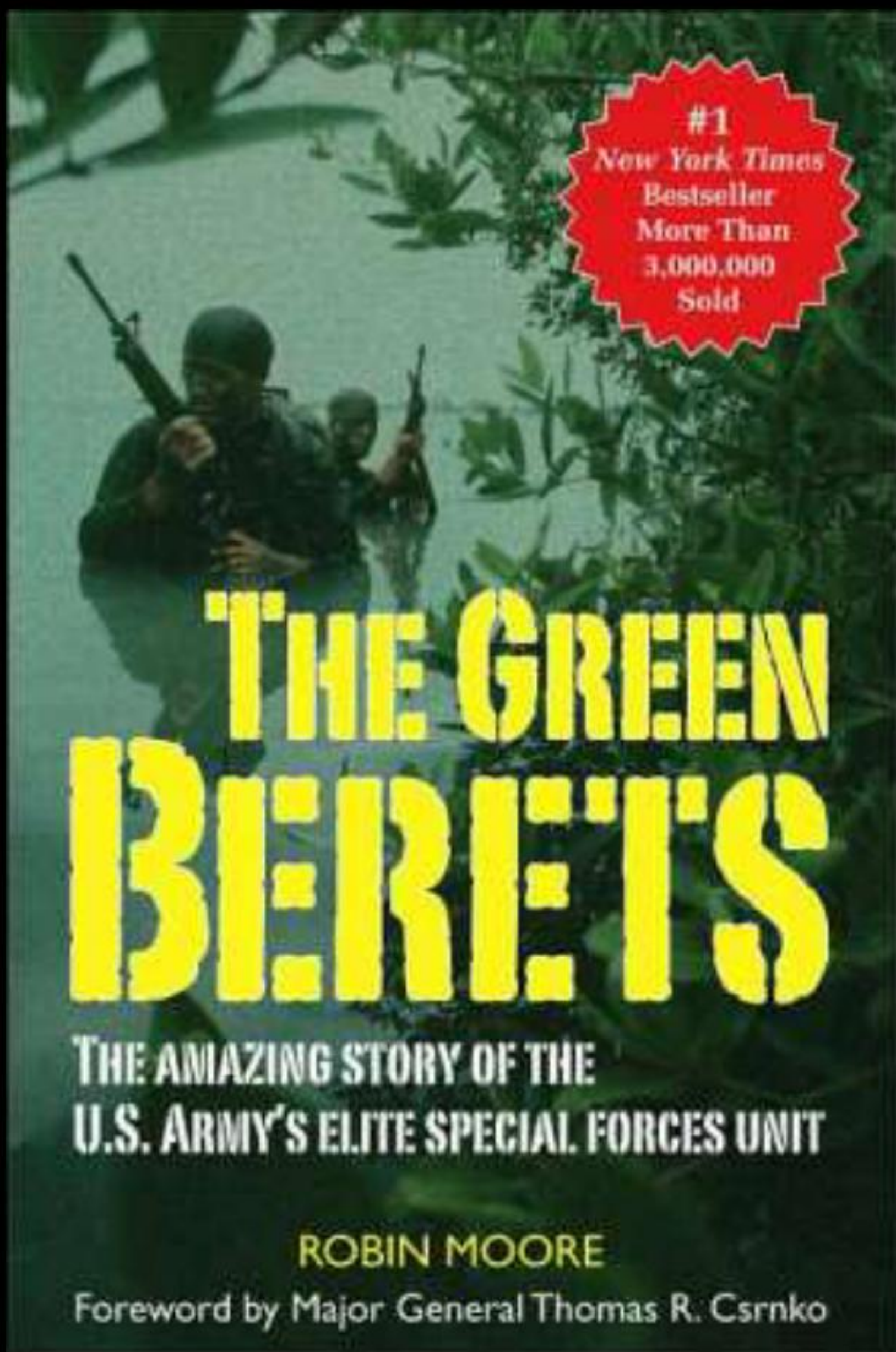
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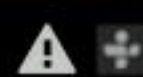
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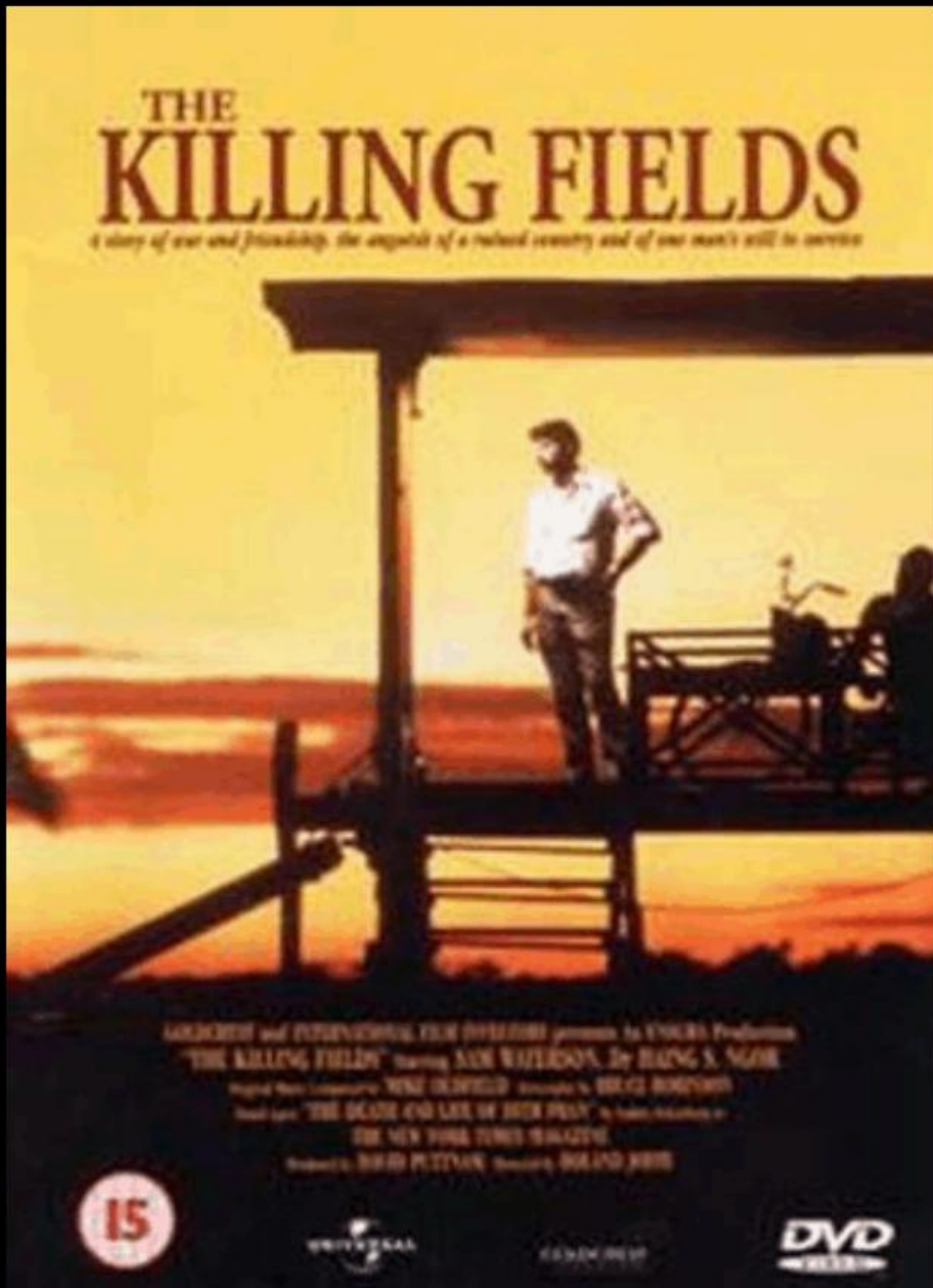
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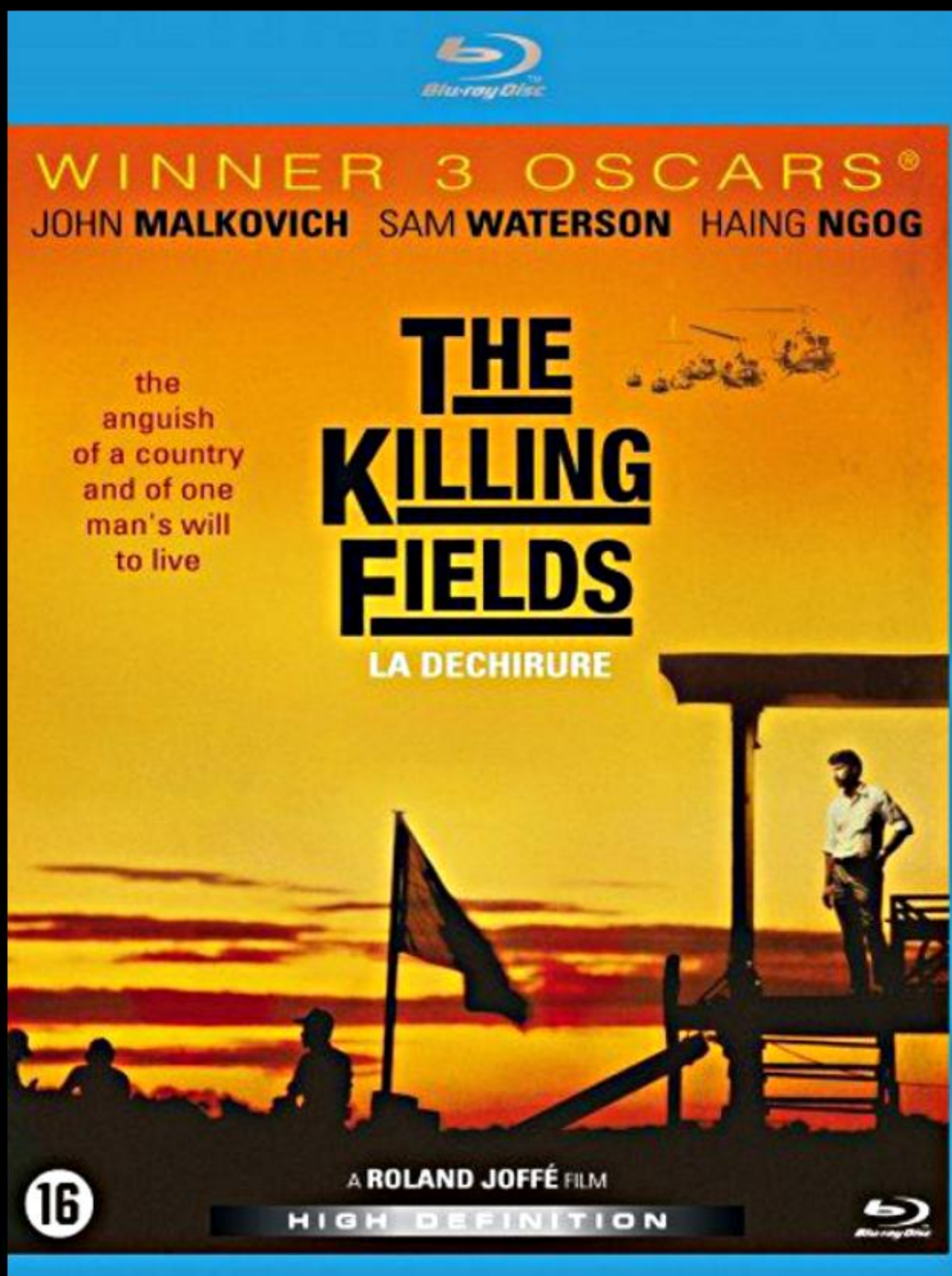


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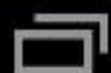


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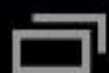


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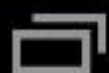


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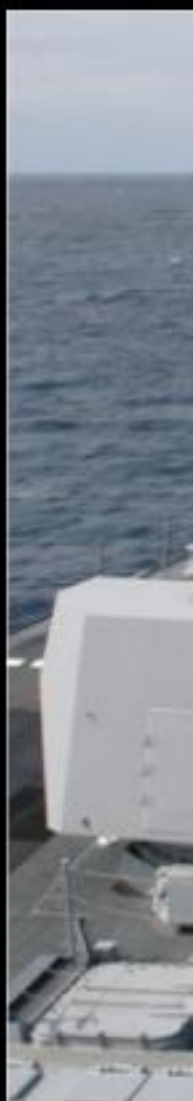


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Somali militants threaten to avenge Puntland killings

By Richard Lough, Reuters

01 May 2013

Al Qaeda-linked Somali militants who have dug into parts of the northern Puntland province pledged vengeance after authorities in the autonomous region executed 13 suspected Islamist rebels.

Puntland long avoided being caught up in successive Islamist insurgencies that have shattered Somalia but has slowly been infiltrated by al Shabaab rebels squeezed out of former south-central urban redoubts in the Horn of Africa state.

Puntland officials say many of the insurgents have taken up positions in the mountains west of the port city of Bosaso.

"Puntland massacred innocent Muslims," al Shabaab spokesman Sheikh Ali Mohamud Rage said in an audio recording posted late on Tuesday on www.somalimemo.net, a website linked to the rebel group. "We shall avenge them. All those who spied, bore false witness, judged, and shot them will face a tough punishment." ([read more](#))



Cars burn after al-Shabaab suicide bombers attacked the Benadir regional court complex in Mogadishu on April 14, 2013. (Mohamed Abdiwahab/AFP)

Al-Shabaab in crosshairs of Somalia's anti-terrorism law

By Majid Ahmed, Sabahi

26 April 2013

In the coming days Somalia's parliament will debate a proposed anti-terrorism law that targets al-Shabaab and aims to restructure the country's national security and intelligence services in the fight against terrorism.

The Somali cabinet approved the draft anti-terrorism law on April 18th, four days after al-Shabaab operatives killed at least 29 civilians in a raid on the Benadir regional court complex.

The details of the proposed draft law have yet to be released to the public, but will be available once the debate in parliament formally begins. ([read more](#))

SOMALIA: 1,700 victims of rape in Somalia last year

By Abdi Muse, RBC Radio

23 April 2013

Mogadishu (RBC) Violence against women and girls is pervasive in Somalia and are of great concern which needs more national attention, UN says.

The UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) on sexual violence in conflict, Zainab Bangura, visited Mogadishu in early April.

She expressed serious concern about the reports of rape in Somalia and specifically about the high number of rapes targeting displaced women and girls. The SRSG said that there were at least 1,700 victims of rape in Somalia last year. ([read more](#))



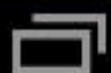
Badbaado camp is the largest IDP camp in Somalia capital.



SOMALIA: Al Shabab blamed for killing a journalist in Somalia

By Malyun Ali, RBC Radio

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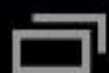


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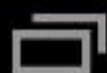


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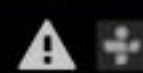
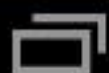
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The American Artillery did wonderful execution in the battles with the insurgents. In a trench at Santa Ana the Tagal dead lay in piles. The group shown in the picture consisted of thirty-eight bodies.

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of the population of the country. One hundred years have passed. Isn't it high time that the USA army, Congress and Government apologised for the horrendous crimes and monstrous sufferings that inflicted upon the peoples of Filipinas?



Alfonso Velázquez

It was American policy at the turn of the century to kill as many Filipinos as possible. The rationale was straightforward:

"With a very few exceptions, practically the entire population has been hostile to us at heart," wrote Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell. "In order to combat such a population, it is necessary to make the state of war as insupportable as possible, and there is no more efficacious way of accomplishing this than by keeping the minds of the people in such a state of anxiety and apprehension that living under such conditions will soon become intolerable."

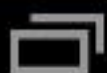
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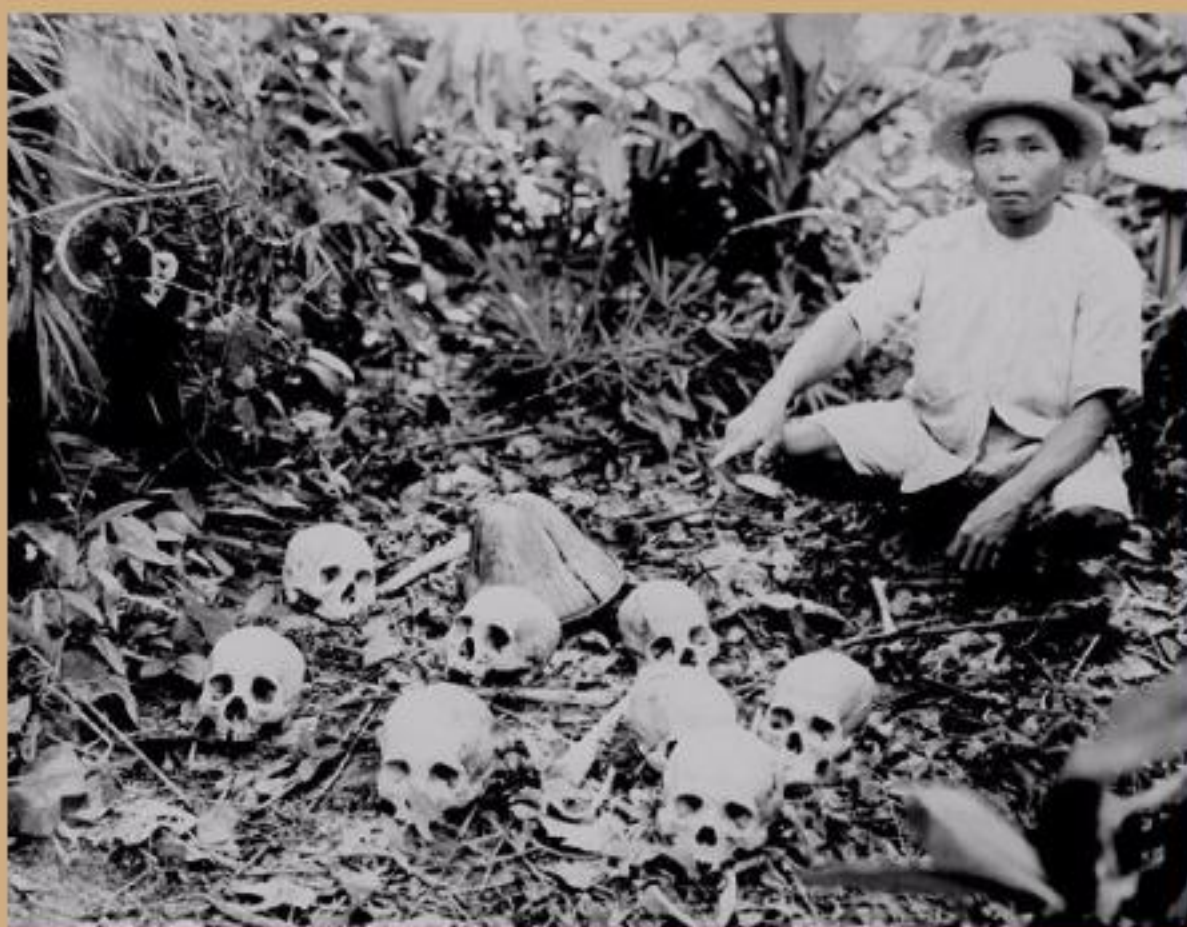
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Gore Vidal

"EXCEPT during the sixties when the Filipino-American War of 1899-1902 was referred to as "the first Vietnam," the death of 1.4 million Filipinos has been usually accounted for as either collateral damage or victims of insurrection against the imperial authority of the United States.

The first Filipino scholar to make a thorough documentation of the carnage is the late Luzviminda Francisco in her contribution to *The Philippines: The End of An Illusion* (London, 1973).

This fact is not even mentioned in the tiny paragraph or so in most U.S. history textbooks. Stanley Karnow's *In Our Image* (1989), the acclaimed history of this intervention, quotes the figure of 200,000 Filipinos killed in outright fighting. Among historians, only Howard Zinn and Gabriel Kolko have dwelt on the "genocidal" character of the catastrophe. Kolko, in his magisterial *Main Currents in Modern American History* (1976), reflects on the context of the mass murder:

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E. San Juan, Jr.

In *A People's History of the United States*, Howard Zinn writes of American sadism during the Philippine-American war:

"In November 1901, the Manila correspondent of The Philadelphia Ledger reported:

"The present war is no bloodless, opera bouffe engagement; our men have been relentless, have killed to exterminate men, women, children, prisoners and captives, active insurgents and suspected people from lads of ten up, the idea prevailing that the Filipino as such was little better than a dog..."

"Our soldiers have pumped salt water into men to make them talk, and have taken prisoners people who held up their hands and peacefully surrendered, and an hour later, without an atom of evidence to show that they were even insurrectos, stood them on a bridge and shot them down one by one, to drop into the water below and float down, as examples to those who found their bullet-loaded corpses."

In Manila, a U.S. Marine named Littletown Waller, a major, was accused of shooting eleven defenseless Filipinos, without trial, on the island of Samar. Other marine officers described his testimony:

"The major said that General Smith instructed him to kill and burn, and said that the more he killed and burned the better pleased he would be; that it was no time to take prisoners, and that he was to make Samar a howling wilderness. Major Waller asked General Smith to define the age limit for killing, and he replied "everything over ten."

In the province of Batangas, the secretary of the province estimated that of the population of 300,000, one third had been killed by combat, famine, or disease.

American firepower was overwhelmingly superior to anything the Filipino rebels could put together. In the very first battle, Admiral Dewey steamed up the Pasig River and fired 500-pound shells into the Filipino trenches. Dead Filipinos were piled so high that the Americans used their bodies for breastworks.

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They called it the "water cure" - waterboarding in the Philippines

Mark Twain

October 15, 1900

the new york herald

"We have pacified some thousands of the islanders and buried them; destroyed their fields; burned their villages, and turned their widows and orphans out-of-doors; furnished heartbreak by exile to some dozens of disagreeable patriots; subjugated the remaining ten millions by Benevolent Assimilation, which is the pious new name of the musket; we have acquired property in the three hundred concubines and other slaves of our business partner, the Sultan of Sulu, and hoisted our protecting flag over that swag. And so, by these providences of god — and the phrase is the government's, not mine — we are a World Power."

— Mark Twain

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The Tagal Army enlisted or conscripted many Igorrotes, Gadennnes, and other savages. Some Igorrotes are seen in the picture; though small they are very muscular and active.



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Lucky Filipinos.

IT appears that the Filipinos have lost confidence in Americans.

Do those benighted wretches fail to realize what we have accomplished in their islands?

We may have burnt certain villages, destroyed considerable property and incidentally slaughtered a few thousand of their sons and brothers, husbands and fathers, etc., but what did they expect?

Were we to transport an army more than half way around the earth merely to listen to peace propositions?

Not much.

And look at Manila.

Two years ago the main street of Manila did not possess a single saloon. Now there are thirteen on this one street!

And they complain that drunken American soldiers insult the native women.

What do they expect from a drunken soldier, anyway?

Progress is now in those islands.

She may be red-handed, and at times drunk, but she is there for business.

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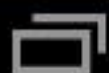




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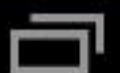


On February 23d there was a violent outbreak at Tondo in which the Tagals made a fierce and sudden onslaught upon the Americans. They were repulsed with great slaughter. In one yard of which a photograph was taken there were found no less than twenty dead.



Filipino historian E. San Juan, Jr., alleges that the death of 1.4 million Filipinos constitutes an act of genocide on the part of the United States.

Mark Twain was deeply disturbed by the sadistic war crimes committed by the evil U.S. military in a Vietnam-like genocide



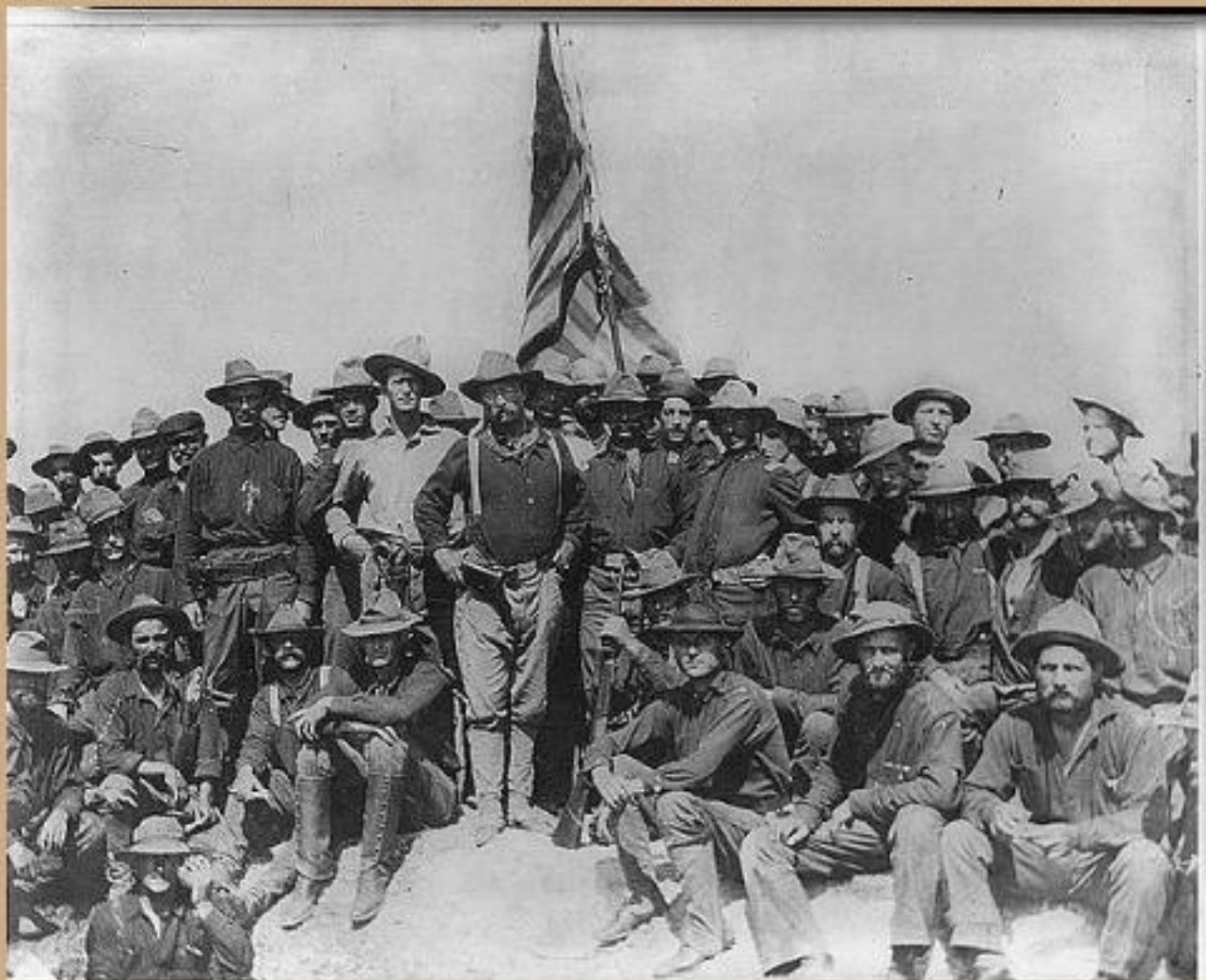


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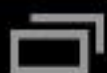
United States attacks into the countryside often included scorched earth campaigns[62] in which entire villages were burned and destroyed, the use of torture (water cure[79]) and the concentration of civilians into "protected zones".[80] In November 1901, the Manila correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger reported:"The present war is no bloodless, opera bouffe engagement; our men have been relentless, have killed to exterminate men, women, children, prisoners and captives, active insurgents and suspected people from lads of ten up, the idea prevailing that the Filipino as such was little better than a dog...."



A New York-born soldier – "The town of Titatia [sic] was surrendered to us a few days ago, and two companies occupy the same. Last night one of our boys was found shot and his stomach cut open. Immediately orders were received from General Wheaton to burn the town and kill every native in sight; which was done to a finish. About 1,000 men, women and children were reported killed. I am probably growing hard-hearted, for I am in my glory when I can sight my gun on some dark skin and pull the trigger (Benevolent Assimilation, pg. 88). Corporal Sam Gillis – "We make everyone get into his house by seven p.m., and we only tell a man once. If he refuses we shoot him. We killed over 300 natives the first night. They tried to set the town on fire. If they fire a shot from the house we burn the house down and every house near it, and shoot the natives, so they are pretty quiet in town now."



Filipino villagers were forced into concentration camps called reconcentrados which were surrounded by free-fire zones, or in other words "dead zones." Furthermore, these camps were overcrowded and filled with disease, causing the death rate to be extremely high. Conditions in these "reconcentrados" were inhumane. Between January and April 1902, 8,350 prisoners of approximately 298,000 died. Some camps incurred death rates as high as 20 percent. "One camp was two miles by one mile (3.2 by 1.6 km) in area and 'home' to some 8,000 Filipinos. Men were rounded up for questioning, tortured, and summarily executed."





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It is, of course, now all about oil. Only a simpleton could believe that Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi, convicted of responsibility for the Lockerbie bombing, was not recently returned to his home in Libya because it suited Britain. The political furore is very obviously contrived, since both the British and American governments know perfectly well how and for what reasons he came to be prosecuted. More important than the present passing storm is whether any aspect of the investigation that led to al-Megrahi's original conviction was also about oil, or dictated by other factors that should have no place in a prosecution process.

The devastation caused by the explosion of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, at the cost of 270 lives, deserved an investigation of utter integrity. Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights demands no less. Where there has been a death any inquiry must be independent, effective and subject to public scrutiny, to provide the basis for an attribution of responsibility and to initiate criminal proceedings where appropriate. But, in the absence of this, a number of the bereaved Lockerbie families have of necessity themselves become investigators, asking probing questions for two decades without receiving answers; they have learned sufficient forensic science to make sense of what was being presented at al-Megrahi's trial and make up their own minds whether the prosecution of two Libyans at Camp Zeist near Utrecht was in fact a three-card trick put together for political ends.

Perhaps the result could have been different if there had been an entirely Scottish police investigation, with unrestricted access to all available information, without interference or manipulation from outside. Instead, from the beginning, the investigation and what were to become the most important aspects of the prosecution case against al-Megrahi were hijacked. Within hours, the countryside around Lockerbie was occupied: local people helping with the search under the supervision of Dumfries and Galloway police realised to their astonishment that the terrain was dotted with unidentified Americans not under the command of the local police.

Each aspect of every criminal investigation in Britain has to meet certain essential standards; where they are not met, these parts of the investigation should not in principle become the basis of a prosecution. There must be precise notes made of each physical exhibit found and by whom; its movements must be tracked; each time an exhibit is inspected, a record must be kept. The rationale is obvious: without a precise record, interference, contamination or simple mistakes could jeopardise a prosecutor's reliance on evidence that should be tangible and therefore potentially more convincing. For that reason, a crime scene must be sealed off until searches are complete.

Those engineering the destruction of a transatlantic airliner in mid-flight might have believed that it would be likely to happen over the sea. Instead, Pan Am 103 was destroyed over the Scottish town of Lockerbie and its fall-out was scattered over an area too huge to cordon off. The first and

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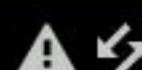
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The Free Syrian Army (FSA) has now acquired chemical weapons from Libya, Reuter's Khaled Oweis reports from Amman. It was previously thought that Ghaddafi's weapons had been dismantled, however usage by Libyan rebels has proven otherwise. His stockpile is thought to contain mustard gas and sarin, two dangerous agents that can induce death or permanently disabilities along large areas.

This dangerous development occurs as public opinion seems to be turning against the rebels, due to attacks on Sunni tribal elders in Aleppo, a city that has been the stronghold of support for the government. The rebels earlier promised to turn the city into the "grave of the tribes" according to one rebel leader, a reprisal against the Berri clan that has been actively fighting them alongside government forces.

Photographs from Aleppo seem to show rebels donning chemical weapons mask, others showing others in fresh unopened packaging, such as the M-42A1 gas mask. It is unlikely that the rebels have captured these masks from Syrian storage areas as they are manufactured in the United States, suggesting they may be part of the non-lethal aid that the Obama administration has tasked the CIA in handling to the rebels.

It is feared that these weapons may fall into the hands of Al Qaeda on transit from Turkey, potentially entering Europe placing the entire continent at risk from catastrophic attack. Al Qaeda and the Free Syrian Army have been fighting primarily from Turkish territory, the former having no official support from Turkey, however have been using western equipment, including 24 MANPADs suggesting some material support.



Rebels opening packages containing chemical weapons equipment in Aleppo.

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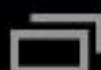
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By Vijay Prashad, 3 April 2012, Source: atimes.com

On February 18, I asked the Indian ambassador to the United Nations, Hardeep Singh Puri, why there was no appetite for a strong UN resolution on Syria.

After all, the violence in Syria seemed to have already exceeded that in Libya. If the UN could pass Resolution 1973 (on Libya), why was it reticent to pass a similar resolution on Syria? Puri pointed his finger directly at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) states.



They had exceeded the mandate of Resolution 1973, moving for regime change using immense violence. All attempts to find a peaceful solution were blocked. The African Union's high-level panel was prevented from entering Libya as the NATO barrage began. Any UN resolution that was sharply worded and that was not explicitly against a humanitarian intervention would open the door to a NATO-style attack. That seems to be the fear.

If there is a sense that NATO exceeded the mandate of 1973, I asked, would the UN now consider an evaluation of how it was used in the Libya war? "Russia has asked for the Security Council to undertake an evaluation of protection of civilians, because Resolution 1973 is about protecting civilians," Puri said. "So what kind of damage was there, collateral damage to civilians, etc? There is great reluctance to undertake that."

A report by independent Arab human-rights groups in January 2012 and a report by the UN Human Rights Council (March 2, 2012) have been largely ignored. Both showed that the proposition that Muammar Gaddafi's forces were conducting genocide was grossly exaggerated, and both called for an open investigation of NATO's aerial bombardment.

The point of the second call is simple: if NATO went into the conflict with its "responsibility to protect" (R2P) civilians, what was the civilian casualty rate as a result of NATO's bombardment? Would the UN Security Council sanction further NATO "humanitarian interventions" if the kill rate from the saviors is higher than or equals that of the violence in the first place?

Puri indicates that the NATO states in the Security Council have not warmed up to the idea of an evaluation. When the Human Rights Council began its investigations, NATO's legal adviser Peter Olson wrote a sharp letter to the commission's chair:

We would be concerned if "NATO incidents" were included in the commission's report.

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The execution of Gaddafi and the attempted humiliation of Africa

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By **Horace Campbell**, 27 October 2011, Source: pambazuka.org

Horace Campbell reconstructs 'the decision at the highest levels' to execute Libya's Colonel Gaddafi and considers 'the urgency for organising to oppose the remilitarisation of Africa.'

The inability of the Western media and other 'information' sources to manage the news of the execution of Colonel Gaddafi was compounded by the news, according to the New York based Human Rights Watch, that 53 supporters of the ousted regime were executed at a hotel in Sirte with their hands tied behind their backs ([Huffington Post](http://HuffingtonPost) October 26, 2011). Wall-to-wall news bulletins of the demise of Colonel Gaddafi, which should have been a moment of victory for the imperial forces, have now turned into a public relations disaster and nightmare for those military planners who want to distance themselves from the gruesome details of the executions. These immoral and illegal actions by the military forces and private contractors in Libya backed by NATO were furthered with disrespect for religious and cultural traditions where the mortal remains of Gaddafi and his son, Muatassim, were kept in a meat freezer until the bodies started to decompose.

Finally a supposedly secret burial failed to resolve the tussle between those who had hijacked the body in the on-going struggle inside the National Transitional Council (NTC) between the three centers of power, Tripoli, Benghazi and Misrata. The factions fear each other and they have lost the one factor that united them, hatred for Gaddafi. With fear of other factions in the NTC, the Benghazi section is calling for the United Nations Security Council to extend the mandate of the no fly zone until 31 December 2011. There are members of the UNSC such as Russia who oppose this extension. The African Union must call for the immediate end to the mandate of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973.

It is now becoming clear that the Western leaders (especially those from Britain, France, Italy and the United States) used the cover of protection of civilian lives to go to Libya to carry out regime change. Gaddafi had vowed to fight to the end and he did. The destruction of Libya by NATO jets was totally unnecessary. Can the people of the West and their leaders say that Libya is now better off in October 2011 than it was in March 2011?



A picture of a damaged neighbourhood in the city of Sirte on October 28, 2011.

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Libya: Will the whitewashing start with tomorrow's editorials?

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By **Peter**, 20 October 2011, Source: members5.boardhost.com/medialens

I expect most 'papers will feature at least one leader column about the life and death of Muammar Gadaffi, with an overview of the last seven months of conflict in Libya in general. Here are a few of the things you might expect them to mention:

- The fact that U.N.S.C.R. 1973 demanded an immediate ceasefire, with even Establishment think tanks like the International Crisis Group [saying](#) (p.28) that it was NATO and the NTC, rather than the Gadaffi regime, who were rejecting all such ceasefire attempts out of hand.
- The fact that there was no mandate for regime change, even though this is what the NATO action was clearly aimed at.
- The looting, burning and emptying of the villages of al-Awaniya, Rayayinah, Zawiyat al-Bagul and Qawalish by vengeful rebels in July, as [documented](#) by Human Rights Watch.
- The bombing of Libyan state T.V. by R.A.F. fighter jets in July, which reportedly killed a number of journalists and was subsequently condemned as a war crime by [Reporters Without Borders](#), [UNESCO](#) and the [International Federation of Journalists](#).
- The countless other civilians killed by NATO bombing raids, as reported by various new agencies and even corporate journalists themselves.
- What can only be described as the [ethnic cleansing](#) of Tawergha, a primarily black town that was emptied of it's population (circa 30'000) by vengeful rebels in mid-August, with NATO air support. The rebels then proceeded to loot and down burn homes, kill livestock, and spray racist graffiti everywhere while vowing to never let the Tawerghans return.
- The reduction of Sirte, previously a town of 100'000 people, to a [smoking ruin](#) via a three to four week long siege. The siege encompassed daily indiscriminate bombing, the cutting off of water, food, medicine and electricity supplies, the shelling of a hospital, and [widespread looting](#) by rebels. Aid agencies described what was happening to the town as a [humanitarian disaster](#).
- The looting, burning and emptying of Abu Hadi by vengeful rebels in early October, as [documented](#) by the L.A. Times.

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The Real Reason Obama Sent Troops To Uganda

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By **Junious Ricardo Stanton**, 22 October 2011, Source: theblacklistpub.ning.com

"A determined push by Western wildcatters and big oil companies from fast-growing Asian economies such as those of China and Malaysia may change the fortunes of several countries in remoter and trickier bits of Africa once largely ignored by foreign investors. One of the most spectacular recent finds has been in Uganda. The reserves of the Albertine rift, which takes in the Ugandan and Congolese shores of Lake Albert (see map), are said to need \$10 billion for development. All being well, Uganda will soon become a mid-sized producer, alongside countries such as Mexico. Foreign investment in Uganda may nearly double this year to \$3 billion. The country expects to earn \$2 billion a year from oil by 2015." [\[The Economist\]](#)

On Friday October 14th President Obama sent a letter to Congress informing them he was sending a small contingent of US Special Ops Forces to Uganda ostensibly on another "humanitarian mission" to advise Ugandan officials tracking down Joseph Kony the newest bogey man being used to justify US intervention, imperialism and the imposition of AFRICOM on the African continent. Just like the Orwellian doublespeak Obama used when he and the NATO warmongers attacked Libya for "humanitarian reasons" on behalf of the international bankers supposedly to prevent Col. Mormar Kadafi from killing rebels, Obama is now sending troops into Uganda to stop another "notorious bad guy" from murdering, looting and wrecking havoc in Central Africa! This song is getting old and tired: invasion is peace, massive murder of civilians is part of the program and theft of resources is liberation. George Orwell would be so proud.



Ugandan military UPDF personnel use whips to disperse supporters of Ugandan opposition leader Kizza Besigye on May 12

At some point in time, the US public must stop believing the mass media's unsubstantiated assertions and start asking pointed questions like: why after twenty-five years is Joseph Kony all of a sudden such an evil force? But beyond that, stop and think a minute and look at history. Where did Saddam Hussein and Osama bin-Laden get the weapons, military support and the knowhow the US claimed they were using to either to kill dissident Iraqis or to mastermind 9-11? Now we are being asked to believe Joseph Kony is this monster who needs Uncle Sam to come in and bring him to justice?! We need to ask ourselves where is Kony getting the weapons, camouflage gear, food and supplies he needed to start his reign of terror that has been going on

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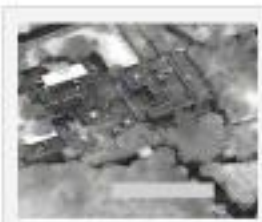
@antiwar_soldier recently brought my attention to a video that was uploaded back in May. In a television show, two Ukrainian medical staff who have been evacuated from Misrata give a first-hand account of the situation in the war-torn Libyan city. The most interesting part of the video for our purposes begins at 8:56, when former [...]

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NATO's lies: The civilian casualties in Şurmān

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Investig'Action published today an analysis of a NATO press release that followed an airstrike in Şurmān on 20 Jun 2011. Here's a translation of that analysis by Simon de Beer into English. You can find the original article in French here. And NATO's statement in English here. The translation of the article starts here: The [...]

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Massacre in Zliten: 85 civilians killed in NATO air strikes

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According to the Libyan government, 85 civilians were killed in NATO air strikes in a village called Majer, 10km south of Zlitan, on Monday. Here is a very graphic (!) video which shows the mutilated, dead bodies of the victims, including children. NATO dismissed the government's report as usual, saying that they had no evidence [...]

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BP's secret Iraqi oil deals

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The Observer broke the story last week of how it was revealed that BP had secret renegotiations of its oil contracts in Iraq, describing the result as a stranglehold on the Iraqi economy. Of course, the idea that the actual motivation for the war in Iraq is based on the West's economic interest is nothing new. [...]

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Statement by the Employees of the Libyan Broadcasting Authority

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On 30 July 2011, NATO hit broadcasting facilities of the Libyan al-Jamahiriyah state television. According to the TV station, three people were killed and 15 injured during the attack. NATO said it aimed to degrade Gaddafi's "use of satellite television as a means to intimidate the Libyan people and incite acts of violence against them". [...]

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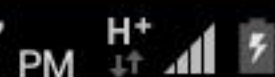
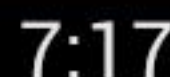
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NORTH KOREA LOST THIRTY PERCENT OF ITS POPULATION AS A RESULT OF US LED BOMBINGS IN THE 1950S.

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#)

Most people in America consider North Korea as an inherently aggressive nation and a threat to global security.

Media disinformation sustains North Korea as a "rogue state".

The history of the Korean war and its devastating consequences are rarely mentioned. America is portrayed as the victim rather than the aggressor.

North Korea lost thirty percent of its population as a result of US led bombings in the 1950s.

US military sources confirm that 20 percent of North Korea's population was killed off over a three year period of intensive bombings:

"After destroying North Korea's 78 cities and thousands of her villages, and killing countless numbers of her civilians, [General] LeMay remarked, "Over a period of three years or so we killed off – what – twenty percent of the population."

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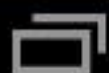
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It is now believed that the population north of the imposed 38th Parallel lost nearly a third its population of 8 – 9 million people during the 37-month long "hot" war, 1950 – 1953, perhaps an unprecedented percentage of mortality suffered by one nation due to the belligerence of another." (See War Veteran Brian Willson. [Korea and the Axis of Evil](#), Global Research, April, 2002)

Official South Korean government sources estimate North Korean civilian deaths at 1,550,000



Long lines of refugees fleeing from Yongdong on 26 July 1950. The day before, hundreds of refugees were massacred by U.S. soldiers and warplanes at bridge at No Gun Ri, eight miles away.

During The Second World War the United Kingdom lost 0.94% of its population, France lost 1.35%, China lost 1.89% and the US lost 0.32%.

During the Korean war, North Korea lost 30 % of its population. In the words of General Curtis Lemay:

There are no innocent civilians. It is their government and you are fighting a people, you are not trying to fight an armed force anymore. So it doesn't bother me so much to be killing the so-called innocent bystanders. (emphasis added)

Reflect for a few minutes on these figures: If a foreign power had bombed the US and America had lost thirty percent of its population as result of foreign aggression, Americans across the land would certainly be aware of the threat to their national security emanating from this unnamed foreign power.



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napalm, deliberately dropped on virtually every space in the country. "Every means of communication, every installation, factory, city, and village" was ordered bombed by General MacArthur in the fall of 1950. It never stopped until the day of the armistice on July 27, 1953. (See War Veteran Brian Willson. [Korea and the Axis of Evil](#), Global Research, April, 2002)

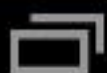


For the people of North Korea, in their inner consciousness as human beings, the aggressor, which inflicted more than two million deaths on a country of 8-9 million (1950s) is the United States of America.

These facts continue to be concealed by the Western media to sustain the "Axis of Evil" legend, which portrays North Korea as a threat and "rogue state", to be condemned by the "international community".

Genocide is defined under the 1948 United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (CPPCG) as the

"the deliberate and systematic destruction of, in whole or in part, of an ethnic, racial, religious, or national group". Article 2 of this convention defines genocide as "any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life, calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or





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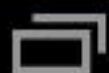
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Soldiers engaged in Operation Iron Triangle carry a body bag containing a dead Iraqi near Lake Tharthar, on May 9, 2006. Photograph by Specialist Teddy Wade.

Three years ago, at a hastily built command center in the Iraqi desert, near Samarra, a U.S. Army colonel knelt over a dust-caked body bag. Inside were the remains of a man who had just been killed by soldiers in the colonel's brigade, which was engaged in a vast air-assault mission called Operation Iron Triangle. The soldiers had been hunting for militants in nearby villages and crumbling Baathist-era buildings, some of which had been constructed by Saddam Hussein to serve the Al Muthanna chemical-weapons complex—a series of dirt-covered bunkers that rise from the desert like Babylonian temples. After the Gulf War, soldiers working for the United Nations and the U.S. military had sealed the bunkers with concrete. Farmers and herders began occupying the surrounding villages, and after Saddam's overthrow, in 2003, they were joined by Al Qaeda fighters, who came to the remote area to train or hide. The colonel, looking at the corpse, saw that it was that of an old man who had been shot in the chest—he was unshaved but not bearded, and a white dishdasha that clothed his body was blood-soaked. A pair of dentures, loosened from his gums, protruded from his jaw.

The colonel, Michael Dane Steele, was a man of daunting physical stature and reputation. Forty-five years old, with an angular face and cropped graying hair, Steele had grown up on a farm near Athens, Georgia. He played college football as a walk-on offensive lineman, at the University of Georgia, and eventually earned an athletic scholarship there, practicing so relentlessly that his coach named an award for perfect attendance after him. (Nobody has since managed to win it.) Within the Army, he was best known for his actions in Somalia, where, in 1993, he commanded a company of Rangers that engaged in a fifteen-hour gunfight in Mogadishu. When he landed in Iraq, in 2005, Steele was the only brigade commander there to have experienced sustained urban warfare before 9/11. He arrived with a clear sense of purpose: to subdue violence with violence, to hunt down and kill insurgents in a region of roughly ten thousand square miles within Salah ad Din province, which includes the cities of Samarra, Tikrit, and Bayji. Steele had memorized the faces of dozens of high-value targets in the



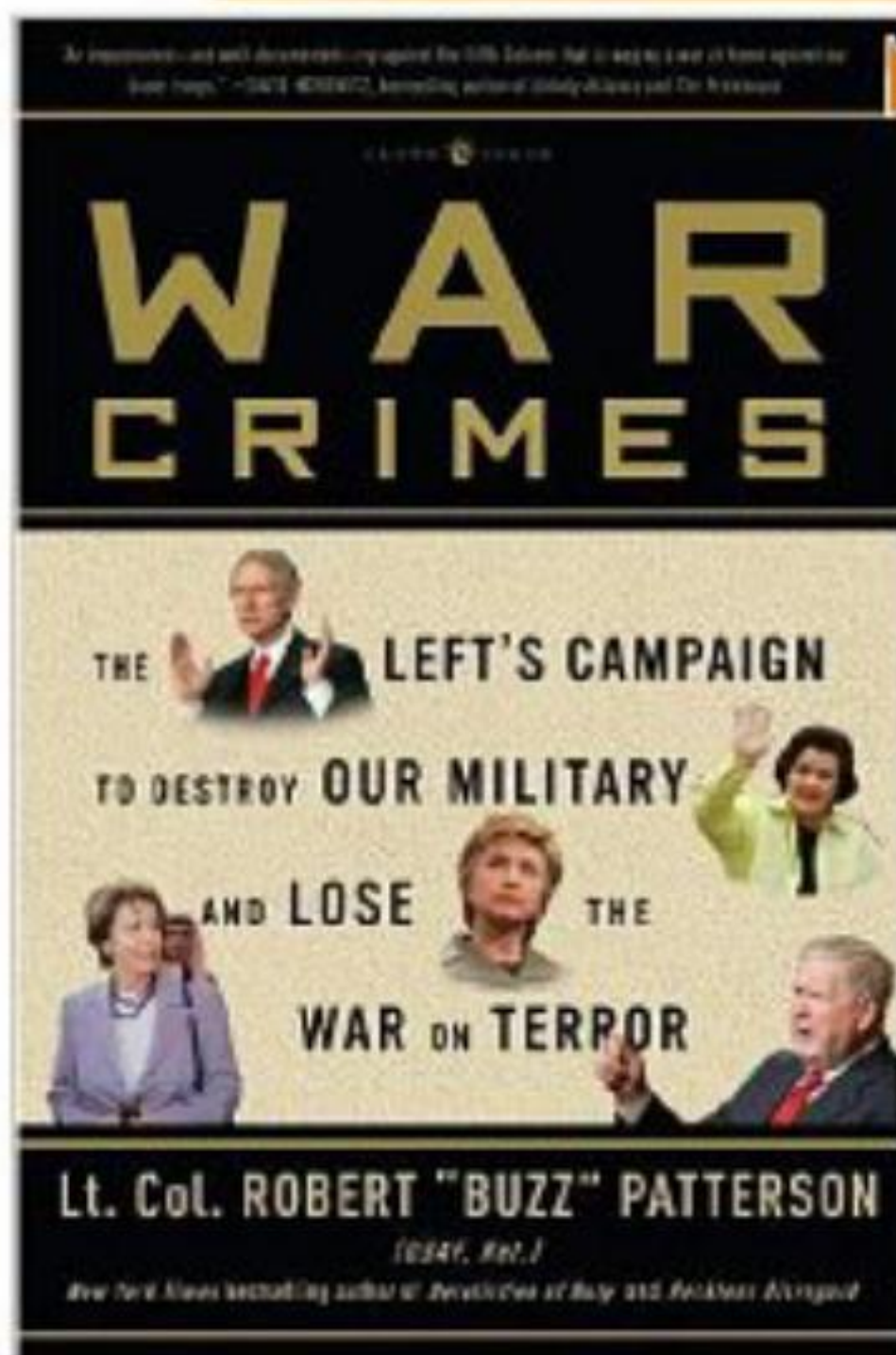
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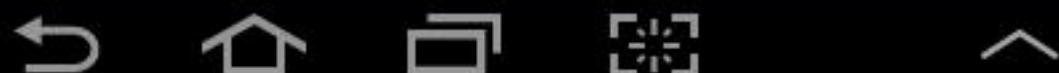


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High-level diplomatic protests were made to Iraqi interior minister after death of Abbas Alawi while in custody of Basra police



📷 Iraqi men are frisked by a British soldier before being allowed to re-enter Basra. Photograph: Chris Helgren/Reuters

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An Iraqi criminal prisoner was tortured and beaten to death within three days of being turned over to police in Basra by British troops.

This latest detailed evidence of previously covered-up Iraq atrocities has emerged following the leak of a vast number of Iraq war logs compiled by the US army and containing hour-by-hour military field reports.

The 391,832 previously secret field reports, passed to the Guardian and other newspapers by the online whistleblowing group WikiLeaks, has already shown that US authorities [failed to investigate](#) hundreds of reports of abuse, rape and murder by Iraqi police and soldiers.

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Military trumpeted Husaybah campaign as victory over foreign fighters but didn't mention the innocents lying in the rubble



📷 US soldiers crouch behind an Iraqi woman in Ubaydi in November 2005. Photograph: Sean Smith for the Guardian

Jonathan Steele

In press releases and other public statements on their major offensives in Iraq, US officials consistently downplayed the numbers of civilians they killed - or denied killing any at all. The secret reports from the frontline that form the bulk of the leaked war logs routinely follow this policy, giving totals of EKIA (enemy killed in action) but providing no evidence of attempts to check whether the bodies are those of insurgents or unarmed civilians.

A rare exception was the large-scale offensive by 2,500 US marines, soldiers and sailors on the western Iraqi town of Husayba, close to the Syrian border, in November 2005. Codenamed Operation Steel Curtain, its aim was to prevent foreign fighters and weapons entering Iraq from Syria. It was touted as a successful assault when it ended after 17 days. An official statement said 139 insurgents

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Blow-by-blow files say nothing about 48 or more civilians killed in Operation Baton Rouge against insurgent strongholds



📷 A US soldier on a rooftop in Samarra, the scene in October 2004 of heavy civilian casualties that went unacknowledged by the military. Photograph: Warrick Page/Warrick Page/Getty Images

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Laden with heavy weaponry the AC-130 gunships were ready, the 1st Squadron of the 4th Cavalry was poised for attack and, sitting in front of their computer screens, US intelligence officers were about to record an extraordinary blow-by-blow account of the biggest US offensive since the invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

It was just after midnight on 1 October 2004, 17 months to the day since George Bush had announced the end of US combat operations in Iraq. The city of Samarra, 80 miles north of Baghdad, had become a no-go area for US forces with insurgents ensconced in all the main civic buildings as well as its famous al-Askari mosque.



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The Iraqi puzzle of life confirms an endless number of tragedies:

Ethnic tension and sectarianism have become a major element in Iraqi politics since the US/UK invasion of 2003, a polarization of inter-group relations Iraqis had not known before. This explains much of the existing hideous crime including murder, kidnapping, property destruction and, most noteworthy, the deteriorating relationships between Baghdad and the three northern Kurdish governorates.

Since the years of war, sanctions and occupation, Iraq's once *state-of-the-art medical system* has all but collapsed. Malnutrition and diseases, almost forgotten in Iraq, such as respiratory infections; measles; typhoid fever and tuberculosis have re-emerged on a large scale. The planned destruction of water and sanitation facilities, especially in the 1991 war, and recurrent drug shortages, throughout the period of sanctions and after the 2003 invasion, promoted significantly ill-being, morbidity and mortality in the country (WHO).

Depleted uranium, the armour-piercing radio-active munition, and *white phosphorus* used by the US military in 1991 and 2003 have created serious health and environmental dangers in Iraq. In early 2000 the US Government sought to prevent WHO from surveying areas in southern Iraq where DU had been used. It also rejected any causality with increases in lung cancer, leukaemia and congenital birth defects. Fortunately national and international efforts have not deterred the collection of more evidence to show

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We bring to the attention of our readers this study on the 2006 Al Ishaqi massacre in Iraq, where eleven innocent civilians including five children were massacred by US occupation forces. The Pentagon immediately proceeded in portraying the massacre as part of an operation directed against Al Qaeda militants.

According the US Forces Spokesman, William B. Caldwell, "US military personnel had followed the proper procedures and rules of engagement, and that they had done nothing wrong".

An investigation was opened following the massacre and the case of was casually dismissed. The investigation confirmed that US military personnel "had implemented the correct military procedures".

Immediately following the massacre, however, the Iraqi police (which has a mandate to act in liaison with the US occupation forces):

"accused US troops of rounding up and deliberately shooting 11 people, including five children and four women, before blowing up their house."

To which a US military spokesman responded that it was "highly unlikely that the allegations [of the Iraqi police] were true".

US authorities said they were involved in a firefight after a tip-off that an al-Qaeda cell leader, Ahmad Abdallah Muhammad Na'is al-Utaibi, was visiting the house and that they killed another one named Udai Faris. Caldwell confessed that the investigation confirmed the death of 4 to 13 persons during the operation.

This case is not by means unique. it is part of a routine process of killings of Iraqi civilians by US forces, using the "war on terrorism" as a pretext.

Killing of civilians by US "Liberation forces" is the "new normal" under the general umbrella of America's "humanitarian" undertakings.

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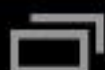
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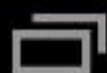


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IN MARCH 1968 American soldiers occupied the hamlet of My Lai in South Vietnam and murdered between 200 and 500 unarmed men, women and children. Of the 26 soldiers charged, only one—Lieutenant William Calley—ended up in prison. But the crime had a searing impact on American attitudes towards the Vietnam war, strengthening the belief that no good could come of it and that America should withdraw.



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What happened last November in a hamlet near the western Iraqi town of Haditha was not a massacre on the scale of My Lai. Indeed, the full facts are not yet clear, and final judgment should be reserved until they are. But the Pentagon does now seem to be preparing public opinion for the news that a detachment of marines, America's best soldiers, murdered at least 15 and perhaps more than 20 unarmed civilians after one marine had been killed in a roadside bombing (see [article](#)).

As in My Lai, the army's first response was to cover up. The marines gave money to the victims' families, perhaps to buy silence. The official story was that 15 Iraqi civilians were killed by the same bomb that killed the marine, and that another eight victims were "gunmen". Courageous reporting by *Time* magazine has exposed that account as a lie. Most of the dead were killed in their homes; most and maybe all were unarmed; and they may have been killed in cold blood, not in the heat of battle. Only after *Time* gave the army its findings did the Pentagon launch an investigation of its own.

Its report—and criminal charges—are said to be pending. Until then it is hard to predict what the impact of the Haditha massacre will be. Oddly, Iraqis may care least. It is after all no longer uncommon in Iraq for scores of civilians to be killed every day by bombs or gunfire. Many have also been killed for no greater crime than driving too close to nervous American military convoys. The stark pictures two years ago of American soldiers torturing and humiliating prisoners in Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison dispelled Iraqi hopes that Americans would observe higher standards than other armies. Despite this, not all Iraqis are clamouring for the Americans to go. Far from it. As Iraq slips deeper into civil war, America's military presence is coming to be seen by many of them—Sunni as well as Shia Arabs—as a necessary evil, the only force strong enough right now to prop up the elected government and hold the sectarian

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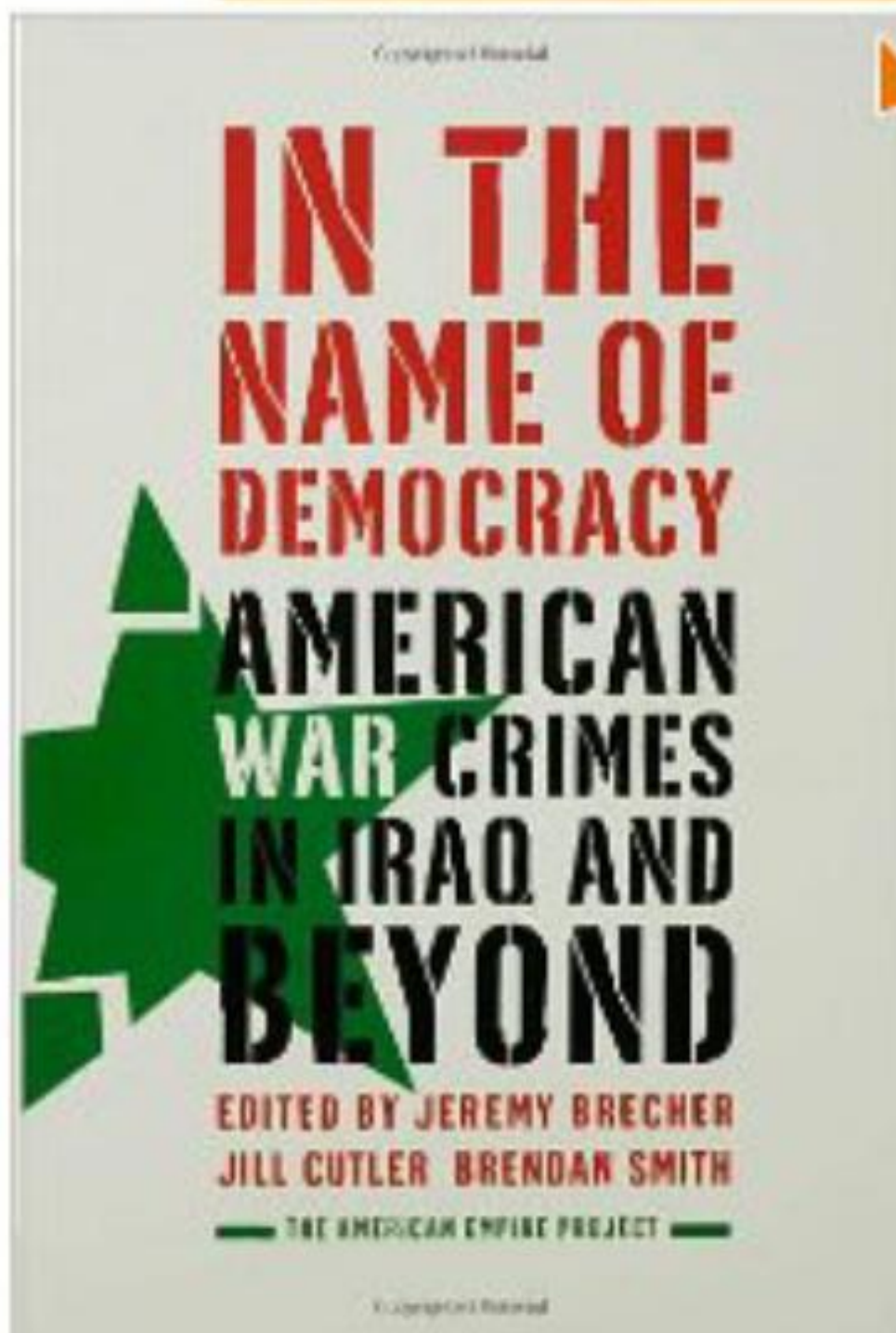
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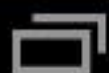


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The Iraq War is not over for the Iraqi people

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In 1946, the **International Military Tribunal** at Nuremberg stated the following, in language that was introduced by Judge Robert Jackson, the lead American prosecutor of Axis war criminals:

To initiate a war of aggression, therefore, is not only an international crime; it is the supreme international crime differing only from other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole.

This means that those who launch a war of aggression are responsible for far more than just the initial death and destruction caused by the war. They should be held responsible for all of the "accumulated evil" that follows and that would not have otherwise occurred. This is a very succinct and intuitive ethical precept that is virtually impossible to argue against. But while this injunction can't seriously be disputed, it *can* be ignored, and, in fact, often is by powerful states. Unfortunately, Jackson's own government has never taken his words seriously, and this has never been more evident than in the case of Iraq.

The United States launched a preventive - not *preemptive*, **contrary** to what we often read - war against Iraq in March of 2003. This is now considered old news. Most people are aware that the attack resulted in death and misery on a massive scale - **millions** of refugees, well over **100,000** dead civilians, an **exponential increase** in terrorism, and so on. Nevertheless, talk about Iraq has all but disappeared in the mainstream, following the U.S.'s much-ballyhooed "withdrawal" from the country in 2011. The general feeling seems to be that Iraq was a tragic episode, one of the worst "blunders" in the annals of American foreign policy, but is now thankfully behind us. No American service member has been killed in Iraq since **November of 2011**.

However, the war is far from over for the people of Iraq. They are living with the consequences of the war every day, and will be for quite some time. The country is, to this day, terrorized by suicide bombings, which, crucially, *did not exist* in Iraq prior to the American invasion. In early 2008, Robert Fisk **called** the acute reality of suicide terrorism in Iraq "perhaps the most ghoulish and frightening legacy of George Bush's invasion." Now, more than five years later, the "perhaps" can safely be removed from that sentence. On Tuesday, 16



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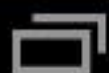


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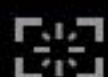


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Chomsky/Pilger demand US Govt be prosecuted for war crimes

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Today, Noam Chomsky, the renowned political commentator and professor of linguistics, called for George W Bush and Tony Blair to be prosecuted in the international courts for war crimes and crimes against humanity. Three days ago, the award-winning journalist John Pilger also called for those responsible in the USA and Britain of conducting the war in Iraq to be prosecuted. The obvious question is: who's going to take this forward...?

In 2003, the US and Britain invaded Iraq under the pretext of finding weapons of mass destruction. But no such weapons were ever found in Iraq. Subsequently the excuse of WMD was shown to be a lie. It has been [estimated](#) that more than one million Iraqis were killed as the result of the US-led invasion and subsequent occupation of the country, according to the California-based investigative organization, Project Censored.

Chomsky has [called](#) for those guilty to be prosecuted. Similarly, Pilger: "These crimes, their iniquity on a par with Woolwich, await prosecution. But who will demand it? In the kabuki theatre of Westminster politics, the faraway violence of "our values" is of no interest. Do the rest of us also turn our backs?"

Pilger [wrote](#) about the legacy of the US/UK war against Iraq and the terrible,

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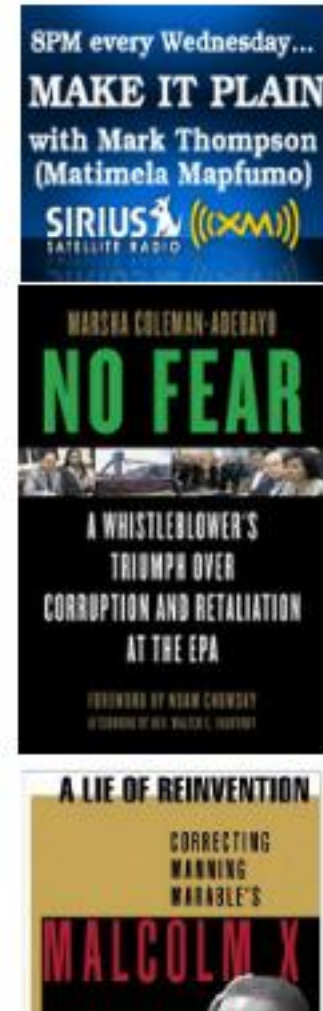
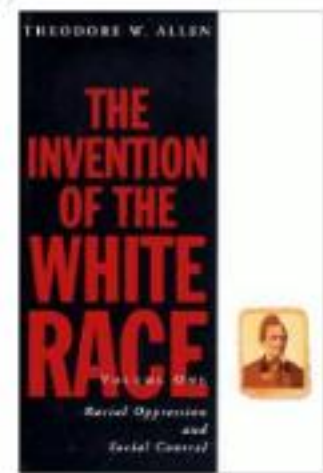


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The Obama administration is even more fixated on secrecy than its Republican predecessor, whose crimes go unpunished and in many case, repeated. The continuity of the two war-making regimes is obvious. As it turns out, there are only so many ways to run “the world’s greatest killing machine” – and they are all mass murderous.

War Crime Whistleblower in Obama's Sights, War Criminals Not

by Paul Street

This article previously appeared in [Znet](#).

“The new leak of classified documents suggests a murderous empire that is out of control, compelled to kill and kill again like a pitiless Mafia Don in order to create an illusion of success.”

Private First Class Bradley Manning, a 22 year old U.S. Army intelligence analyst stationed in Iraq, is being prosecuted by the Obama administration for disclosing a classified video showing American troops murdering civilians in Baghdad from an Apache Attack Helicopter in 2007. Eleven adults were killed in the attack captured on tape, including two Reuters journalists. Two children were critically injured. The video (available at [www.collateralmurder.com](#)) was published by WikiLeaks in early April of this year. The soldiers shown in the video have yet to face charges. Manning is looking at 52 years in federal prison if convicted.

It might seem odd to some that the Obama White House is going after Manning and not the war criminals Manning may have helped expose. Didn’t Obama use his opposition to the highly unpopular Iraq War to advance his presidential campaign in 2007 and 2008? Yes, he did, but once he succeeded in exploiting the Iraq War to gain the nation’s highest office, Obama became commander in chief of the world’s greatest imperial killing machine. He and his handlers hardly want to do anything that might inhibit the American military’s freedom of action as he conducts a “five-front terror war” (Glenn Greenwald) in Iraq (where Obama has defied his campaign promises by acting to sustain the U.S. occupation), Ethiopia, Somalia, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. It should also be remembered that U.S. Senator and presidential candidate Obama repeatedly voted to fund the Iraq occupation, campaigned for pro-war against anti-war Democrats in the 2006 congressional primaries, and never once criticized Cheney and George W. Bush’s invasion of Iraq on moral or legal grounds. Candidate Obama’s only problem with the Iraq occupation was that it did not make strategic sense for the interests of the supposedly benevolent and exceptionally humane and democratic American Empire. He saw the Iraq occupation like the elite Democratic “doves” of the late 1960s saw the Vietnam War – as a tactical “mistake” carried out with the best, indeed an excess, of democratic intentions. In late 2006, speaking to the Chicago Council of Global Affairs, Obama even had the cold imperial audacity to say the following in support of his claim that most U.S. citizens supported “victory” in Iraq: “The American people have been extraordinarily resolved. They have seen their sons and daughters killed or wounded in the streets of Fallujah.”

“Once Obama succeeded in exploiting the Iraq War to gain the nation’s highest office, Obama became commander in chief of the world’s greatest imperial killing machine.”

This was a spine-chilling selection of locales. Fallujah was the site for colossal U.S. atrocities. American crimes included the indiscriminate slaughter of

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What is depleted uranium?

Depleted uranium is a byproduct of the process of making enriched uranium. The technology isolates the uranium-235 needed for nuclear reactors and warheads and discards uranium-238 (depleted uranium).

Centrifuge process

Natural uranium ore is ground, treated and converted into a gas.

The uranium gas is pumped into a cylinder that rotates at twice the speed of sound.

The heavier of the two isotopes, **uranium-238**, is drawn against the sides of the centrifuge cylinder ... separating it from the lighter **uranium-235**.

The uranium passes through hundreds of centrifuges to refine it further. A single centrifuge cylinder is typically 6 feet tall and a few inches in diameter.

The centrifuge process creates 11% enriched uranium (235) and 89% depleted uranium (238).

Use of depleted uranium in armor

Depleted uranium is the most effective material for tank armor due to its extreme density – about 1.6 times that of lead – and hardness. But when damaged, the armor may release particles that are chemically toxic and radioactive.



M-1 Abrams tank

Use of depleted uranium in munitions

Depleted uranium's density and hardness also make it a choice for weapons to tear through enemy targets and burst into flames on contact. Scientists worry that battlefield remnants of depleted uranium could cause health problems in both U.S. military personnel and Iraqi civilians.



Rounds fired by the M-1 Abrams tanks, for example, contain about 9 pounds of depleted uranium. As the weapons pierce armor, small bits of depleted uranium ignite.



Depleted uranium penetrator with stabilizing fins

Exposure to depleted uranium

U.S. military sources say the effectiveness of weapons and armor made with depleted uranium outweighs the risks of exposure. Opponents disagree. There are three ways people could become exposed to depleted uranium in areas where it has been used in combat:



Ingestion
If drinking water or food became contaminated with depleted uranium or if children eat affected soil.



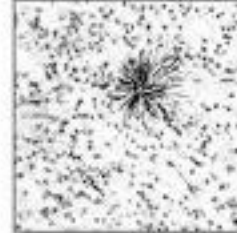
Inhalation
Small particles of depleted uranium could be inhaled if disturbed and lifted into the air or carried in the wind.



Skin contact
It could enter the bloodstream through open wounds or from embedded depleted uranium shrapnel.

Cancer risk

Fears of cancer from exposure to depleted uranium are related to its radioactivity. The black star at left shows tracks made over 48 hours by alpha rays emitted by a radioactive particle lodged in an ape's lung tissue. (The particle is invisible.) Damaged cells can become cancerous.



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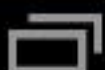
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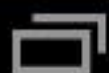


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Five Years In, Iraq War Pushes On

Posted: March 19, 2008

Five years into the war in Iraq, the United States is still working to secure the country and create conditions for a lasting peace between religious factions.



Nearly 4,000 American soldiers have died and 30,000 have been injured in the Iraq war since the conflict began in March 2003.

In the years since the war began, Iraq has achieved a democratically elected government and its ousted leader, Saddam Hussein, was captured and put to death for war crimes. But divisions between two sects of Islam, Sunni and Shiite, have caused a violent rift in the country, and the U.S. military has faced a brutal insurgency.

Nearly 4,000 American soldiers have died and another 30,000 injured, according to the Washington Post. About 171 British and between 200,000 and 600,000 Iraqis have died, according to the Guardian Newspaper.

The war has cost the United States an estimated \$3 trillion dollars, economists told the Washington Post.

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Ethan McCord, a former US soldier, has shown great courage and integrity by exposing and condemning US war crimes in Iraq.

McCord's courage and integrity has nothing to do with his US army training. In fact, his virtue and trenchant humanity is in spite of his US army training which, he says, systematically tried to turn him into a cold-blooded killing machine bereft of any morals or conscience. (1)

What his testimony shows beyond any shadow of a doubt is that US involvement in Iraq has got nothing – nothing – to do with a "war on terror". It is in fact a war of terror perpetrated on civilians: a war crime involving daily crimes against humanity. The kind of war crime that Nazi leaders were prosecuted for at Nuremburg. It is far from hyperbole for the international community to insist that political and military leaders, from Bush and Blair, to Obama and Brown, should be likewise prosecuted as war criminals.

In July 2007, McCord was on patrol with his platoon in Baghdad when they came under fire from insurgents. A US helicopter gunship soon arrived, but instead of combating the insurgents it

proceeded to deliberately and methodically mow down civilians, including children. The carnage, he says, was sickening.

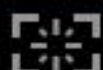
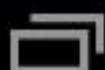
Against his commander's orders, McCord rescued two badly injured children from the pile of corpses. Unfortunately, for the US military top brass, a video of this mass murder of innocents recorded from the helicopter has since been "leaked" into the public domain and is now accessible via the internet, thanks to the campaigning work of human rights group WikiLeaks (<http://www.collateralmurder.com/>).

McCord makes some insightful comments about the true nature of US military involvement in Iraq (Afghanistan and Pakistan). He says that the above incident was far from an isolated erroneous event. Such massacre is "an everyday occurrence". That is, when the US military apologises for "accidentally" killing civilians in Iraq (Afghanistan and Pakistan), this is just a cynical ploy to disguise the fact that it is doing such killing deliberately and on a daily basis.

Also, McCord says he initially served in Iraq with pride, thinking that he was fighting for freedom and democracy. What he learnt through his experience though was that he and his fellow soldiers are deliberately dehumanised by their commanders to become mass murderers. Tragically, when they leave the army many of these soldiers take their own lives from the trauma and crimes they are induced to commit. McCord shows that ultimately it is ordinary Americans who are paying the heavy human, moral, psychological, social and financial price for the war crimes of their country – while the architects of such crimes are cosseted by wealth and privilege.

As he puts it: "The people who are driving the system don't have to deal with the repercussions. It's the American people who have to deal with them. They're the ones who have to deal with all of these soldiers who come back from war, have no outlets and blow up.

"I still live with this every day. When I close my eyes I see what happened that day and many other days like a slide show in my head. The smells come back to me. The cries of the children come back to me. The people driving this big war machine, they don't have to deal with this. They live in their \$36 million mansions and sleep



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